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IN THE UNITED STATES,

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

1883

QUESTION.—What is thy only comfort in life and death?

ANSWER.—That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation: and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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Being a Common Year of 365 Days.

MOON'S SIGNS.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
 New Moon.	 First Quarter.	 Full Moon.	 Last Quarter.	♄ Saturn. ♃ Jupiter.	♂ Mars. ☉ Sun.	♀ Venus. ☿ Mercury.	☾ Moon. ♁ Herschel.

♌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. □ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
 ○ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
 ♌ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter	G.	Solar Cycle	16
Golden Number or Lunar Cycle	3	Roman Indiction	11
Epact	22	Julian Period	6596

The Jewish Era, with their 5644th year, commences October 2d, 1883.

The Mohammedan Era, with their 1301st year, commences November 2d, 1883.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Jan'y 21.	Palm Sunday, March 18	Trinity Sunday, May 20.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb'y 4.	Easter Sunday, March 25.	Corpus Christi, May 24.
Shrove Tuesday, Feb'y 6.	Ascension or Holy Thurs., May 3.	1st Sunday in Lent, Dec. 2.
Ash Wednesday, Feb'y 7.	Whit Sunday or Pentecost, May 13.	Sundays after Trinity are 27.

THE FOUR EMBER DAYS.

February 14.	May 16.	September 19.	December 19.
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THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox,	Sun enters ♈	March 20th	6 o'clock	20 minutes,	evening.
Summer Solstice,	" "	♊ June 21st,	2 "	6 "	afternoon.
Autumnal Equinox,	" "	♏ September 23d,	5 "	4 "	morning.
Winter Solstice,	" "	♋ December 21st,	11 "	2 "	evening.

(♂.) Mars is called the Governing Planet this year.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1883.

There will be four Eclipses this year, two at the Sun, and two at the Moon.

The first is a partial Eclipse of the Moon, April 22d, 6 o'clock, 38 minutes in the morning, here invisible.

The second is a total Eclipse of the Sun, May 6th, 4 o'clock, 45 minutes afternoon, invisible here; visible on the South Pacific Ocean.

The third is a partial Eclipse of the Moon, October 16th, visible in the morning.

Begins	12 o'clock	59 minutes	morning.
Middle	1 "	54 "	morning.
Ends	2 "	49 "	morning.

The fourth is an annular Eclipse of the Sun, October 30th, 6 o'clock, 36 minutes in the evening. Invisible here; visible on the North Pacific Ocean, will be visible partly at California at Sunset.

JANUARY,

1st Month, 31 Days.

1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m. h.	HIGH WATER. Phila. m.
Monday	1 <i>New Year</i>	John 1: 38-51	morn.	10	1st. Orion south 10 50 ☾	47 23 4	37 8 30	
Tuesday	2 <i>Martyrs H Scrip</i>	" 2	12 49	23	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. so.	47 23 4	37 9 10	
Wednesday	3 <i>Gordius</i>	" 3	1 54	7	♄ south 10 44	57 23 4	37 9 56	
Thursday	4 <i>Titus</i>	" 4	2 45	21	♂ south 8 54	57 22 4	38 10 40	
Friday	5 <i>Simeon</i>	" 5	3 44	5	Sirius rises 6 36	67 22 4	38 11 12	
Saturday	6 <i>Epiphany</i>	" 6: 1-25	11 33	19	♂ ♀ ♄. ♀ ri es 4 40	67 21 4	39 1 56	

1] 1st Sunday after Epiphany. Luke 2: 41-52; Rom. 12: 1-5 Day's Length, 9 hours, 20 min.

Sunday	7 <i>Widukind</i>	John 6: 26-71	5 23	4	7* south 8 25	67 20 4	40 12 25	
Monday	8 <i>Severinus</i>	" 7	6 27	19	♂ ♀ ♄. ♄ rises 6 34	77 19 4	41 12 52	
Tuesday	9 <i>Catharine Zell</i>	" 8: 1-20	♄ sets	5	9th. ♀ in Perihelion	77 19 4	41 1 30	
Wednesday	10 <i>Paul of Thebes</i>	" 8: 21-50	6 50	21	♂ ♀ ♄. ♀ gr. Brillian- cy.	87 18 4	42 1 59	
Thursday	11 <i>Fructuosus</i>	" 9	8 1	7	♄ south 10 12	87 18 4	42 2 40	
Friday	12 <i>Jean Chastellain</i>	" 10 1-21	9 9	23	♄ in per. ♄ south 8 20	97 18 4	42 3 15	
Saturday	13 <i>Hilary</i>	" 10: 22-42	10 15	9	Rigel south 9 27	97 17 4	43 3 55	

2] 2nd Sunday after Epiphany. John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 6-16. Day's Length, 9 hours, 28 min.

Sunday	14 <i>Felix</i>	Mark 1: 1-20	11 16	25	♀ rises 4 24	97 16 4	44 4 40	
Monday	15 <i>John de Laski</i>	" 1: 21-45	morn.	11	15th. Regulus rises. 7 26	107 15 4	45 5 16	
Tuesday	16 <i>George Spalatine</i>	" 2	12 17	25	♄ Spica rises 12 1	107 14 4	46 6 18	
Wednesday	17 <i>Anthony</i>	" 3: 1-19	1 17	9	♄ ♀ ♄. ♄ south 7 56	107 13 4	47 7 16	
Thursday	18 <i>John Blackader</i>	" 3: 20-35	2 15	23	♄. ♄ rises 6 24	117 12 4	48 8 14	
Friday	19 <i>Heid. Cat. 1563</i>	" 4	3 9	7	♄ ♀ ♄. ♄ south 9 40 ☾	117 11 4	49 9 13	
Saturday	20 <i>Fabian</i>	" 5; 6: 1-6	3 59	21	♄ stationary ☉ enters ♄	117 10 5	50 10 15	

3] Septuagesima Sunday. Matt. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor. 9: 24-27; 10: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hours, 40 min.

Sunday	21 <i>Agnes</i>	Luke 3:	4 48	5	♀ sets 5 35	127 10 4	50 11 17	
Monday	22 <i>Vincent</i>	" 4	5 59	17	♄ gr. Elong. East	127 9 4	51 12 20	
Tuesday	23 <i>Isaiah</i>	" 5	♄ rise	29	23d. ♀ rises 4 11	127 8 4	52 1 28	
Wednesday	24 <i>Timothy</i>	" 6: 1-19	6 29	11	Orion south 9 19	127 7 4	53 2 14	
Thursday	25 <i>Paul's Conver.</i>	" 6: 20-49	7 28	25	♄ rises 6 2	137 6 4	54 3 10	
Friday	26 <i>Polycarp</i>	" 7	8 29	7	♄ in Perihelion	137 5 4	55 4 6	
Saturday	27 <i>Jno. Chrysostom</i>	" 8	9 30	19	♄ stationary	137 4 3	56 4 44	

4] Sexagesima Sunday. Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19-33; 12: 1-9. Day's Length, 9 hours, 54 min.

Sunday	28 <i>Charlemagne</i>	Luke 9: 1-36	10 34	1	♄ in apo. ♄ south 9 14	137 3 4	57 5 31	
Monday	29 <i>Juventin</i>	" 9: 37-62	11 42	13	♀ rises 3 56	137 2 4	58 6 15	
Tuesday	30 <i>Henry Müller</i>	" 10	morn.	27	♄ south 7 6	147 1 4	59 6 50	
Wednesday	31 <i>Hans Sachs</i>	" 11	12 50	9	31st. ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	147 0 5	0 7 16	

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 1st, 7 o'clock, 49 min., morning.
 New Moon. 9th, 12 " 58 " "
 First Quarter, 15th, 7 " 46 " evening.
 Full Moon, 23d, 2 " 14 " morning.
 Last Quarter, 31st, 5 " 25 " "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear, cold; 3, 4, fair; 5, snow; 6, 7, 8, cold; 9, 10, clear; 11, 12, snow; 13, 14, cold; 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 18, variable; 19, 20, snow, 21, 22, 23, N. W. cold; 24, 25, mild; 26, 27, 28, variable; 29, 30, 31, rain and snow.

JANUARY.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

ONE AND ALL!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

One more page
In the book of history;
Going on from age to age,
With life's deeds and mystery.

To each one
Sounds the dear Christ's tender call,
"Come and work, while yet, the sun
Shineth, for the night will fall."

Day by day,
Slowly do the ages grow;
And a harvest, far away,
Will arise from what we sow.

Earnestly
Prayerfully, the year we greet,
May the planting it shall see,
Ripen into heavenly wheat.

THE CHURCH YEAR.

THE Church Year is the religious side of our life. As the civil year has its great days, celebrating leading facts in the history of the nation, so the Christian has its high days, its festival seasons, commemorating great facts in the life of Christ and in the work of redemption.

The Gospels and Epistles of the Church Year (the Scripture lesson for each Sunday) are very old. They are traced back to the early and pure ages of the Church. Indeed, the custom may have come from the Jewish Church. The Jews read much of their Scriptures in the Synagogue service by parts and selections. The five books of Moses, the Psalms and the Prophets were divided into parts, and one part was read every Sabbath.

Very early the Christian Church found it well to read her New Testament in the same way; and gradually our present Gospel and Epistle selections were prepared, which thus are sacred from long use among God's people.

Therefore, the Church Year belongs to the whole Christian Church, and is found in all lands, and in most denominations, and is now gradually receiving favor where thirty years ago it was despised.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

OUR Saviour was circumcised on this day, and was thus received into the Jewish Church, as we now become members of the Christian family by Holy Baptism. To-day the world begins a new year, and the Church also celebrates the day with religious observances, in honor of Him "who was circumcised in His spotless flesh, to put honor on the Law which He had come to fulfil." We ought to begin the new year by having the true circumcision of the Spirit, and the law written upon our hearts.

THE EPIPHANY.

JANUARY 6TH is a happy festival day in the Christian Church, which celebrates the Saviour's *manifestation* to the Gentiles. By the leading of a star Jesus was manifested to the wise men of the east. The light of the gospel is being spread all over the earth by *missionaries*, and the gentiles are coming to Christ. By giving missionary contributions we help to show forth (Epiphany) Christ to the world.

"Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high;
Shall we to, men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?"

Good works do not make a Christian; but one must be a Christian to do good works. The tree bringeth forth the fruit, not the fruit the tree. No one is made a Christian by works, but by Christ; and being in Christ, he brings forth fruit for Him.






LET your daily reading throughout the month be the page opposite each calendar for the month, together with the Bible Lessons for each day. You will be the better and wiser when the year has closed.

The purer life draws nigher
Every year;
And its morning star climbs higher
Every year;
And earth's hold on us grows slighter,
And the heavy burden lighter,
And the dawn immortal brighter,
Every year.

FEBRUARY,

2d Month, 28 Days.








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Thursday	1 Ignatius	Luke 11:37; 12:1-12	1 51		2 ♄ south 8 48		14 6 59	5 1	7 46
Friday	2 Candle Mass	" 12:13-59	2 39		♄ ♃ rises 5 58		14 6 58	5 2	8 30
Saturday	3 Ansgar	" 13:1-21	3 29		♀ rises 3 59		14 6 57	5 3	9 28








5] *Quinquagesima Sunday.* Luke 18:31-43; 1 Cor. 13:1-13. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 8 min.*

Sunday	4 Rhaban. Maurus	Luke 13:22-35	4 14		♄ ♄ ♀. ☐ Neptune ☐		14 6 56	5 4	10 26
Monday	5 P. S. Spener	" 14	5 6		♄ ♄ ☐ Inferior		14 6 55	5 5	11 22
Tuesday	6 Shrove Tuesday	" 15	5 56		♄ ♄ ♄. 7* sets 1 19		14 6 54	5 6	12 20
Wednesday	7 Ash Wednesday	" 16	♄ sets		7th. ♄ ♄ ♄		14 6 53	5 7	1 17
Thursday	8 Maria Andreæ	" 17:1-19	6 52		☐ ♄ ☐. ♀ rises 3 56		14 6 52	5 8	1 57
Friday	9 John Hooper	" 17:20-37	7 54		♄ in per. ♄ south 8 21		14 6 51	5 9	2 35
Saturday	10 F. C. Oetinger	" 18:1-30	8 50		♄ rises 5 50		15 6 50	5 10	3 16

6] *1st Sunday in Lent.* Matt. 4:1-11; 2 Cor. 6:1-10. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 24 Min.*

Sunday	11 H. de St. Victor	Luke 18:31; 19:1-28	9 51		9 Spica rises 10 11		15 6 48	5 12	4 11
Monday	12 Lady Jane Grey	" 19:29; 20:1-18	10 52		♄ sets 11 59		15 6 47	5 13	4 50
Tuesday	13 C. F. Schwartz	" 20:19; 21:1-4	11 53		♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ ♄		14 6 46	5 14	5 31
Wednesday	14 Ember Day	" 21:5-35	morn.		14th. ♄ ♄ south 8 0		14 6 45	5 15	6 15
Thursday	15 Jacob von Loh	" 22:1-30	12 51		♄ stationary		14 6 43	5 17	7 16
Friday	16 Matth. Desubas	" 22:31-71	1 45		♀ gr. Elong. West ♄ ♄ ♄		14 6 42	5 18	8 14
Saturday	17 Pat. Hamilton	" 23	2 38		♄ stationary		14 6 41	5 19	9 20

7] *2d Sunday in Lent.* Matt. 15:21-28; 1 Thess. 4:1-8. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 40 min.*

Sunday	18 Simeon of Jerus	Mark 10:32-52	3 22		♀ rises 3 55		14 6 40	5 20	10 24
Monday	19 Mesrob	" 11	4 30		☐ enters ♄		14 6 39	5 21	11 15
Tuesday	20 Sadoth	" 12	5 41		♄ rises 5 32		14 6 38	5 22	12 10
Wednesday	21 Mainrod	" 13	♄ rise		21st. ♄ south 7 39		14 6 36	5 24	1 12
Thursday	22 Washington B.	" 14:1-54	7 0		7* sets 12 46		14 6 35	5 25	1 50
Friday	23 B. Ziegenbalg	" 14:55; 15:1-15	8 6		Wega rises 11 20		14 6 33	5 27	2 41
Saturday	24 Matthias	" 15:16-47	8 52		♄ sets 11 29		14 6 32	5 28	3 29

8] *3d Sunday in Lent.* Luke 11:14-28; Eph. 5:1-9. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 58 min.*

Sunday	25 Casp. Olevianus	Matt. 20:17-33	9 40		♄ in epo. ♀ rises 3 53		13 6 31	5 29	4 14
Monday	26 Berthold Haller	" 21	10 30		♄ rises 5 20		13 6 30	5 30	4 49
Tuesday	27 Martin Bucer	" 22	11 41		♄ Andromeda sets 9 8		13 6 28	5 32	5 26
Wednesday	28 Jno. de Mon. Corv	" 23	morn.		♄ south 7 1		13 6 27	5 33	6 4

MOON'S PHASES.

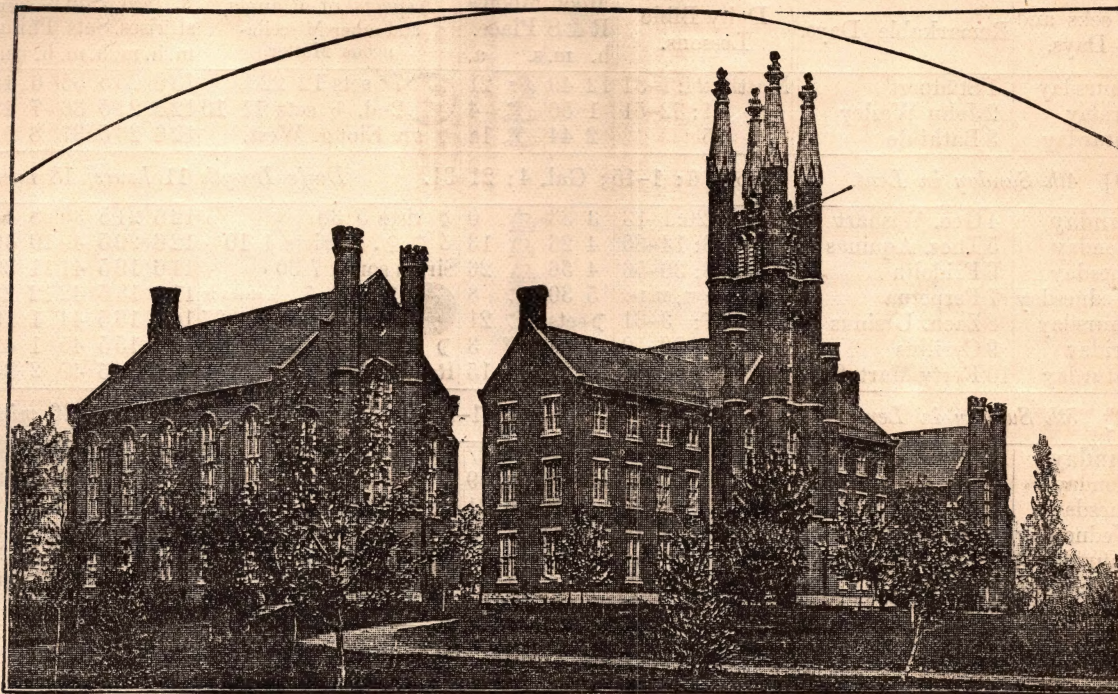
New Moon, 7th, 1 o'clock, 9 min., afternoon.
 First Quarter, 14th, 4 " 54 " morning.
 Full Moon, 21st, 7 " 17 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, cloudy; 2, 3, cold; 4, 5, 6, fair, 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, snow and rain; 11, 12, cold; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, rain; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, snow; 22, 23, moderate; 24, 25, 26, rain and snow; 27, 28, cloudy, cold.

(♀.) Venus is Morning Star till the 20th of September, then Evening Star to the end of the year.

FEBRUARY.



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FRANKLIN and Marshall College is the oldest of the Colleges of the Reformed Church in this country. It provides a liberal course of study for its students, which embraces a period of four years. It has at present six regular Professors and usually one or two Tutors who serve as assistants in teaching. The number of students in the four regular classes averages about *one hundred*, all of whom are required to pursue the full course of studies laid down in the *curriculum*. No irregular students are received and no partial courses of study are provided. The study of *German* is pursued during the whole four years' course. The College is in a good condition financially, being entirely free from debt, and able to meet its current expenses, but its endowment should be still further increased in order to enable it to extend and widen its usefulness, and thus keep up with the progress of the times.

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be made to its endowment, or income, in order to cover entirely its yearly expenses.

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ASH-WEDNESDAY.

ASH-WEDNESDAY is the first day of the solemn season of Lent.

"Saviour, when in dust to Thee,
Low we bow the adoring knee."

There is a time to renew our *penitence*, to exercise special self-denial, and to labor diligently for the Lord.




"Now sov'reign mercy calls, 'Return:'
Dear Lord, and may I come!
My vile ingratitude I mourn:
O take the wanderer home."

THOSE who are on the lookout for slights and insults can generally find enough of them, while those who never think of looking for such things, seldom receive any.








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






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Thursday	1 Stüdbert	Matth. 24: 1-31	12 49	 21	7* sets 12 22	13 6	25 5	35 6 44
Friday	2 John Wesley	" 24: 32-51	1 50	 4	2nd. h sets 11 16	12 6	24 5	36 7 48
Saturday	3 Bathilde	" 25	2 44	 18	gr. Elong. West.	12 6	23 5	37 8 51








9] 4th Sunday in Lent. John 6: 1-15; Gal. 4: 21-31. Day's Length 11 hours, 18 min.

Sunday	4 Geo. Wishart	Matth. 26: 1-13	3 33	 0	gr rises 5 38	12 6	21 5	39 8 41
Monday	5 Thos. Aquinas	" 26: 14-35	4 26	 13	δ D ♀. ♀ rises 4 10	12 6	20 5	40 10 40
Tuesday	6 Fridolin	" 26: 36-56	4 56	 26	Sirius south 7 30	11 6	19 5	41 11 30
Wednesday	7 Perpetua	" 26: 57; 27: 1-2	5 30	 8	δ δ ♀. ♀ rises 5 18	11 6	18 5	42 12 25
Thursday	8 Zach. Ursinus	" 27: 3-31	5 sets	 21	8th. ♀ south 6 37	11 6	16 5	44 1 19
Friday	9 Cyrillus	" 27: 32-50	7 34	 3	♂ in per. h sets 11 0	11 6	15 5	45 1 42
Saturday	10 Forty Marts Seb.	" 27: 51-56	8 40	 15	Regulus south 10 37	10 6	13 5	47 2 34








10] 5th Sunday in Lent. John 8: 46-59; Heb. 9: 11-15. Day's Length, 11 hours, 36 min.

Sunday	11 Wm. Hoseus	John 11	9 34	 27	gr in Aphelion	10 6	12 5	48 3 20
Monday	12 Greg. the Great	" 12	10 35	 9	♂ II ♀. ♀ rises 4 12	10 6	11 5	49 3 59
Tuesday	13 Rudiricus	" 13: 1-30	11 32	 21	♂ ♀. δ D h. ♀	10 6	9 5	51 4 42
Wednesday	14 Matilda	" 13: 31-14	morn.	 3	h sets 10 50	9 6	8 5	52 5 30
Thursday	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 15	12 30	 15	15th. δ D ♀. ♀ south 6 2	9 6	7 5	53 6 14
Friday	16 Heribert	" 16	1 14	 27	Antarus rises 12 12	9 6	5 5	55 6 46
Saturday	17 St. Patrick	" 17	2 0	 9	δ ♀ ♀. ♀ rises 5 0	9 6	4 5	56 7 31

11] Palm Sunday. John 12: 1-16; Phil. 2: 5-10. Day's Length, 11 hours, 54 min.

Sunday	18 Alexander	Jeremiah 32	2 40	 21	Spica rises 8 1	8 6	3 5	57 8 29
Monday	19 Mary & Martha	Heb. 8	3 15	 3	♂ sets 12 4	8 6	1 5	59 9 26
Tuesday	20 Ambrose of Sien.	" 9	3 47	 17	Centers ♀ Day and Night Equal.	8 6	0 6	0 10 22
Wednesday	21 Benedict	" 10	4 18	 1	Spring commences.	7 5	59 6	1 11 19
Thursday	22 Maundy Th.	John 6	4 51	 15	♀ rises 4 9	7 5	57 6	3 12 17
Friday	23 Good Friday	Luke 23: 32-49	♂ rise	 29	♂ 23d. h sets 10 19	7 5	56 6	4 1 16
Saturday	24 Florentius	Heb. 4	7 29	 14	♂ in apo. 7* sets 11 5	6 5	54 6	6 1 49

12] Easter Sunday. John 20: 1-10; Col. 3: 1-11. Day's Length, 12 hours, 14 min.

Sunday	25 Easter Sunday	Matt. 28	8 37	 28	♂ rises 4 46	6 5	53 6	7 2 32
Monday	26 Easter Monday	Luke 24: 1-12	9 46	 13	♂ sets 11 44	6 5	52 6	8 3 15
Tuesday	27 Rupertus	Acts 2: 22-37	10 53	 28	Ω. Sirius sets 11 14	5 5	51 6	9 3 55
Wednesday	28 John v. Goch	1 Cor. 15	11 57	 12	Orion sets 11 35	5 5	49 6	11 4 43
Thursday	29 Eustatius	Rom. 6	morn.	 26	♀ rises 4 4	5 5	48 6	12 5 19
Friday	30 John Heermann	" 8	12 49	 10	h sets 9 46	5 5	47 6	13 5 49
Saturday	31 Ernest the Pious	1 Cor. 3	1 31	 24	31st. gr. Hell Lat. S.	4 5	45 6	15 6 14

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	2d,	12 o'clock,	25 min.,	morning.
New Moon,	8th,	11	30	evening.
First Quarter,	15th,	3	30	afternoon.
Full Moon,	23d	1	3	afternoon.
Last Quarter.	31st,	3	20	afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, snow; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, 6, 7, cold; 8, 9, 10, variable; 11, 12, storm; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, snow; 21, 22, cold; 23, 24, 25, stormy; 26, 27, moderate; 28, 29, fair; 30, 31, pleasant.

MARCH.

"Who shall Roll us Away the Stone from the Door of the Sepulchre?"

BY HANNAH A. HEYDON.

WHEN the Passion-week had passed,
When upon the sky at last
Dawned the first day's golden ray,
They who sought the garden weeping,
Where they left the Master sleeping,
Found a guard of angels keeping
Watch, beside where Jesus lay,
And the stone was rolled away.

When each footprint meets a thorn;
When our aching hearts have borne
Sorrow, many a weary day,
Think! the path is upward tending,
Darkest day will have an ending;
Faith, above us softly bending,
Whispers of a blessed day
When all tears are wiped away.

Saviour! we would only ask
Strength for life's appointed task,
Light to guide us on our way;
From Thy hand our work receiving,
On Thy faithful love believing,
May we trust our future, leaving
Rest, until shall dawn that day
When the stone is rolled away.

PALM SUNDAY.

THE last Sunday of Lent is called Palm Sunday, in commemoration of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, when His disciples cast branches of palm trees before Him, in token that He was the King of Israel. This day reminds us that we should also "cast our trophies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all."

"Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die!
O Christ! Thy triumphs now begin,
O'er captive death, and conquered sin."

GOOD FRIDAY.

JESUS was crucified on Friday, and thus purchased eternal redemption for us. Christians therefore regard this as specially a *good* Friday.

"Jesus, Lamb of God, Thy cross
Saves me from eternal loss."

Christians ought to keep this day holy, and think much of Christ's sufferings. With what a price we were bought!

"Our sins and grief on Him were laid;
He meekly bore the mighty load:
Our ransom-price He fully paid,
In groans and tears in sweat and blood."



EASTER SUNDAY.

THIS is "the Queen of all the festivals." It commemorates a finished redemption—a complete victory! "Christ being raised from the dead, dieth no more! Death hath no more dominion over Him!" He is the first-fruits of them that slept. A few others had been previously *restored* to this life, but Jesus was the first who *rose to a new, undying life*—above all the limitations of sin and death.

But He rose not only for Himself; He opened the gate of everlasting life for His people also, so that we may rise in triumph over death and the grave. The light of Eternal Life now shines upon a dark and benighted world! The Lord is risen indeed!

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM.

WHAT men pray for they will labor for, if their prayers are sincere and earnest, and what they honestly labor for they will also pray for. If the peace of Jerusalem was a great blessing in the old dispensation, the peace of the Christian Church is no less a blessing in the new dispensation. Therefore, we are to pray for it. Sometimes strife is necessary, but the individual should subordinate his private judgment on this point to the general judgment of the Church. When the Church decides that there is no proper occasion for variance and strife, we should respect that judgment and pray for the preservation of peace.

"SHAMEFULLY NEGLECTED."

"I HAVE been a member of your Church for thirty years," said an elderly Christian to his pastor, "and when I was laid by with sickness for a week or two, only one or two came to visit me. I was shamefully neglected." "My friend," said the pastor, "in all those thirty years how many sick have *you* visited?" "Oh," he replied, "it never struck me in *that light*."

CHRIST carried the Cross in His heart long before the mob laid it on His shoulders. Even at the marriage scene in Cana of Galilee, He spake of "His hour."








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4th Month, 30 Days.








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Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S Place.	Moon's Place.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. rises.	Sun sets.	Sun Phila.	HIGH WATER
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




13] 1st Sunday after Easter. John 20: 19-31; 1 John 5: 4-10. Day's Length, 12 hours, 32 min.

Sunday	1 Fritigid	John 1	2 20		7 1/2 sets 9 31		45 44 6 16	6 45	
Monday	2 Theodosia	" 2	3 0		20 Aldebaran sets 10 38		45 43 6 17	7 50	
Tuesday	3 Gerh. Terstcegen	" 3	3 35		2 1/2 sets 11 28		35 41 6 19	8 59	
Wednesday	4 Ambrose	" 4	4 4		15 6 1/2 1/2. 1/2 rises 4 3		35 40 6 20	10 1	
Thursday	5 Christ. Sriver	" 5	4 35		27 6 1/2 1/2. 1/2 rises 4 29		35 39 6 21	11 14	
Friday	6 Albert Durer	" 6: 1-40	5 10		9 6 1/2 1/2 Orion sets 10 72		25 38 6 22	12 19	
Saturday	7 Olaus Peterson	" 6: 41-71	10 sets		21 7th. 1/2 in per.		25 37 6 23	1 23	








14] 2d Sunday after Easter. John 10: 11-16; 1 Peter 2: 20-25. Day's Length, 12 hours, 50 min.

Sunday	8 Mart. Chemnitz	John 7	7 42		3 Sirius sets 10 32		25 35 6 25	1 54	
Monday	9 Thos. v. Westen	" 8: 1-30	8 41		14 6 1/2 1/2. 1/2 sets 9 2		25 34 6 26	2 43	
Tuesday	10 Fulbert	" 8: 31-59	9 42		26 7* sets 9 52		15 32 6 28	3 30	
Wednesday	11 Leo the Great	" 9	10 41		8 1/2 rises 3 59		15 31 6 29	4 15	
Thursday	12 Sabas	" 10	11 31		20 1/2 1/2. 1/2 sets 11 1		15 30 6 30	4 55	
Friday	13 Justin Martyr	" 11	morn.		2 1/2 in Perihelion		05 29 6 31	4 44	
Saturday	14 John Eccart	" 12	12 16		15 14th. 1/2 rises 4 10	Sun	5 28 6 32	6 32	



15] 3d Sunday after Easter. John 16: 16-22; 1 Peter 2: 11-19. Day's Length, 13 hours, 6 min.

Sunday	15 Simon Dach	John 13: 14:	12 55		28 Spica south 11 50	fast	5 27 6 33	7 17	
Monday	16 Peter Waldo	" 15	1 31		11 6 1/2 1/2. 1/2 superior		05 25 6 35	7 57	
Tuesday	17 Mappalicus	" 16: 17:	2 1		25 Aldebaran sets 9 41		15 24 6 36	8 46	
Wednesday	18 Lutherat Worms	" 18	2 32		9 Arctur south 12 23		15 23 6 37	9 35	
Thursday	19 Melanchthon	" 19	3 5		23 1/2 sets 8 35		15 21 6 39	10 24	
Friday	20 John Bugenhag.	" 20	3 40		8 1/2 in apo. 1/2 enters 8		15 20 6 40	11 27	
Saturday	21 Anselm of Cant.	" 21	4 22		23 7* sets 9 14		15 19 6 41	12 28	

16] 4th Sunday after Easter. John 16: 5-15; James 1: 16-21. Day's Length, 13 hours, 24 min.

Sunday	22 Origen	Heb. 1: 2:	1/2 rise		8 22d. 1/2 rises 3 50		15 18 6 42	1 29	
Monday	23 Adelbert	" 3: 4:	8 30		23 1/2. 1/2 rises 3 55		25 17 6 43	2 14	
Tuesday	24 Wilfrid	" 5: 6:	9 40		8 1/2 in Perihelion		25 15 6 45	2 49	
Wednesday	25 Mark, Ev.	" 7	10 36		23 1/2 sets 10 24		25 14 6 46	3 34	
Thursday	26 Trudpert	" 8	11 10		7 Rigel sets 8 54		25 13 6 47	4 18	
Friday	27 Otto Catelin	" 9	11 59		21 6 1/2 Neptune		25 12 6 48	4 58	
Saturday	28 Fred. Myconius	" 10	morn.		5 1/2 sets 8 16		35 10 6 50	5 41	

17] 5th Sunday after Easter. John 16: 23-33; Jas. 1 22-27. Day's Length, 13 hours, 42 min.

Sunday	29 L. von Berquin	Heb. 11	12 45		18 1/2 rises 3 43		35 9 6 51	6 29	
Monday	30 Geo. Calixtus	" 12	1 30		1 30th. Spica south 10 46		35 8 6 52	6 59	

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 7th, 8 o'clock, 35 min., morning.
 First Quarter, 14th, 3 " 48 " morning.
 Full Moon, 22d, 6 " 26 " morning.
 Last Quarter, 30th, 2 " 2 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, 10, variable;
 11, 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, clear; 16, 17, rain; 18, fair; 19,
 20, 21, showers; 22, 23, clear 24, 25, thunder showers;
 6, 27, 28, pleasant, warm; 29, 30 clear.

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A LITTLE more than fifteen years ago, members of the Reformed Church, residing in Allentown and its vicinity, interested in the cause of liberally educated women, and impressed with its importance for the welfare of society and the church, determined to found a school in which excellence of scholarship and the highest attainments in elegant arts and accomplishments, should be judiciously combined with a thorough Christian education. The enterprise with such high and noble aims and ends, readily met with favor and encouragement.

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Success has also attended its educational work. Since the opening of the College, it has maintained its reputation for the thoroughness of its organization and discipline, and excellence of its training as witnessed in the character and attainments of the young ladies it has sent out. The catalogue records the names of ninety-two ladies who have taken the regular course of study, and constitute the Alumnæ. Hundreds of others have taken a partial course.

If this Church School receive the patronage which it deserves, it cannot be otherwise than successful in an eminent degree, and prove a blessing to society and the church.

Rev. W. R. Hofford, A.M., is the President, and is assisted by an able corps of instructors.



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A RULE FOR CONTROVERSIALISTS.

WHEN controversy becomes necessary, avoid *personalities*. They are the resort of a weak cause and narrow minds. Some regard them in the light of wit, but even when they are of this character the wit is of the lowest order. Men should contend for the truth, not for advantage over others. Controversy should seek to heal

wounds, not to open them, to win our antagonists, not to embitter and alienate them. Personalities in controversy are used only when arguments fail.

SHAKE HANDS.

SHAKE hands with somebody as you go out of church. The more of it the better, if it is expressive of real interest and feeling. There may be a great deal of the Spirit of the gospel put into a hearty shake of the hand. Think of St. Paul's four times repeated request—"Greet one another"—after the custom then in common use, and one which is expressive of even warmer feeling than our common one of hand-shaking.

Why not give your neighbors the benefit of the warm Christian feeling that fills you to your finger tips, and receive the like from them in return? You will both be benefited by it; and the stranger will go away feeling that the church is not, after all, so cold as he had thought it to be.

DR. GUTHRIE'S favorite motto was:

I live for those that love me,
For those that know me true,
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my coming, too:
For the cause that needs assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
For the good that I can do.

THE *Christian at Work* says:—"It is deplorable that at times we must hear of perhaps a half-dozen candidates for one particular pulpit, each one pressed by friends for the place. Commonly this unseemly spectacle ends in divisions among the people who must decide on the respective merits of the rival claimants. It certainly lowers the popular estimate, or what ought to be the popular estimate, of the sacred ministry, and inflates congregations with a sense of their own importance which holds out slight prospect of comfort to pastors placed in charge of them.
































NO COMPLIMENT.

WHEN your pastor gets a brother minister to preach for him, it is no compliment to him for the membership to absent itself, because "we don't want to hear any one but our pastor." It shows neither love nor respect for the latter.

MAY,

5th Month, 31 Days.

1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. rises.	Sun h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 Phil. & James	Heb. 13	2 12	 13	♂ ♀ ♀ in Aphelion ☾	3 5	7 6	5 3	7 40
Wednesday	2 Athanasius	John 14	2 40	 25	♀ rises 3 27	3 5	6 6	5 4	8 52
Thursday	3 Ascension Day	Col. 2	3 12	 7	Sirius sets 8 50	3 5	5 6	5 5	9 55
Friday	4 Florian	John 15	3 41	 19	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N	3 5	4 6	5 6	10 39
Saturday	5 Fred. the Wise	" 16	4 11	 1	♂ in per. ♀ rises 3 36	3 5	3 6	5 7	12 4
18] 6th Sunday after Easter. John 15: 26-16: 1; 1 Peter 4: 8-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 56 min.									
Sunday	6 John of Damasc.	1 John 1	♂ sets	 12	6th. ☾ Orion sets 9 18	4 5	2 6	5 8	1 10
Monday	7 Otto the Great	2	8 20	 24	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ sets 8 2	4 5	1 6	5 9	1 54
Tuesday	8 Stanislaus	3	9 10	 6	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ sets 10 2	4 5	0 7	0	2 41
Wednesday	9 Greg. Nazianzen	4	10 1	 18	♂ Neptune ☾. ♂ ♀ ♀	4 4	5 9	7 1	3 34
Thursday	10 John Heuglin	5	10 44	 0	Spica south 10 8 ☾	4 4	5 8	7 2	4 16
Friday	11 John Arndt	Joel 3	11 22	 13	♀ rises 3 32	4 4	5 7	7 3	4 57
Saturday	12 Meletius	John 17	11 54	 27	Arctur south 10 52	4 4	5 6	7 4	5 45
19] Whit Sunday or Pentecost. John 14: 15-21; Acts 2: 1-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 10 min.									
Sunday	13 Whit Sunday	Gal. 3: 4: 1-7	morn.	 9	13th. ♂ rises 3 24	4 4	5 5	7 5	6 23
Monday	14 Whit Monday	" 5	12 19	 23	♂ gr. Elon. East	4 4	5 4	7 6	7 21
Tuesday	15 Moses	Rom. 12	12 54	 7	♂ sets 7 52	4 4	5 3	7 7	8 10
Wednesday	16 Ember Day	1 Cor. 1-3:	1 24	 20	♀ sets 9 38	4 4	5 2	7 8	8 59
Thursday	17 Joachim of Flor.	Rom. 6: 19; 7	1 53	 4	♂ sets 7 46	4 4	5 1	7 9	9 47
Friday	18 80 Mar. un. Val.	" 8	2 24	 19	♂ in apo. 7* sets 9 36	4 4	5 0	7 10	10 35
Saturday	19 Aleuin	2 Cor. 5	3 0	 4	♂ rises 3 25	4 4	5 0	7 10	11 24
20] Trinity Sunday. John 3: 1-15: Rev. 4: 1-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 22 min.									
Sunday	20 Val. Herberger	Acts 1: 2	3 41	 19	♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ Librae south 10 38	4 4	4 9	7 11	12 16
Monday	21 Constantine	" 3	♂ rise	 4	21st. ☾ enters ♀	4 4	4 8	7 12	1 8
Tuesday	22 Castus & Acmil	" 4	8 38	 19	Sirius sets 7 44	4 4	4 7	7 13	1 48
Wednesday	23 Jerome Savonar	" 5	9 25	 4	♂ rises 3 11	3 4	4 6	7 14	2 34
Thursday	24 Augustine Cazal.	" 6	10 15	 18	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	3 4	4 5	7 15	3 17
Friday	25 Augustine	" 7	11 1	 2	♀ sets 9 21	3 4	4 4	7 16	3 59
Saturday	26 Beda Venerabilis	" 8	11 38	 15	Antaries south 7 43	3 4	4 4	7 16	4 41
21] 1st Sunday after Trinity. Luke 16: 19-21; 1 John 4: 7-21. Day's Length, 14 hours, 34 min.									
Sunday	27 John Calvin	1 Pet. 2: 1-10	morn.	 28	♂ stationary	3 4	4 3	7 17	5 28
Monday	28 Lanfanc	Acts 10	12 16	 11	♀ rises 3 16	3 4	4 2	7 18	6 13
Tuesday	29 Dav. Zeisberger	" 11	12 47	 24	29th. Ori. sets 7 48	3 4	4 2	7 18	6 59
Wednesday	30 Jerome of Prague	" 12	1 16	 6	Arctur south 9 40	3 4	4 1	7 19	7 44
Thursday	31 Joac'm Nand	1 Pet. 2: 11; 3: 7	1 40	 18	Spica south 8 44	3 4	4 1	7 19	8 31

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 6th, 4 o'clock, 57 min., afternoon,
 First Quarter, 13th, 5 " 53 " evening.
 Full Moon, 21st 10 " 10 " evening.
 Last Quarter, 29th, 9 " 21 " forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, thunder showers; 2, 3, 4, variable; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, 24, warm; 25, 26, cloudy; 27, 28, rain; 29, 30, warm; 31, variable.

(h.) Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun, the 20th, and cannot be seen.

ST. PAUL'S ORPHANS HOME.

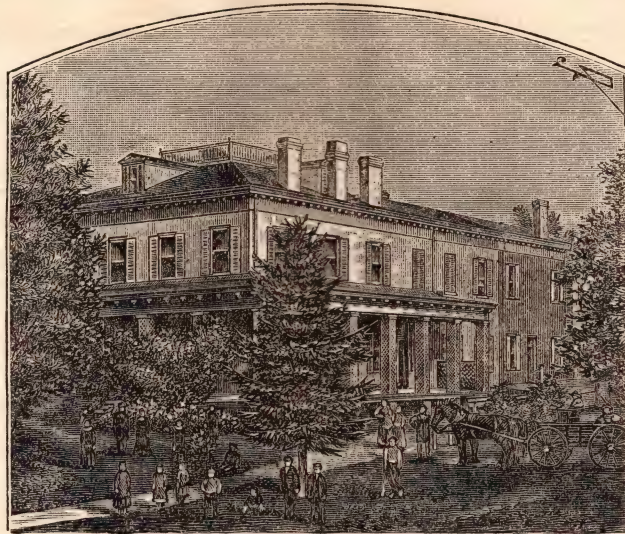
THIS Home is situated on a beautiful hill east of Butler, county-seat of Butler County, Pa. The property was purchased by St. Paul's Classis of the Reformed Church, and dedicated as an Orphan Home, December 10th, 1867. Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., presided at and performed the act of dedication. Addresses were delivered on the occasion by Revs. T. J. Barkley, F. K. Levan and Wm. M. Landis.

Rev. C. A. Limberg was elected its first Superintendent, holding the position until 1871, when he resigned. During his term of office, the entire purchase indebtedness was paid and the institution brought to a good degree of usefulness and prosperity.

Rev. J. B. Thompson was elected Superintendent, and entered upon his duties June 1st, 1871, retaining the position until April, 1877, when his resignation went into effect. During his superintendency a number of improvements were made, leaving, however, an indebtedness.

The Rev. T. F. Stauffer was then elected Superintendent, and entered upon his duties April, 1877. By June, 1878, the indebtedness was removed and the institution prosperous. A new school house was now built, and many improvements made to the other buildings, and on the farm. In the spring of 1882, the management found it necessary to remove the dilapidated north wing of the main building and contract for a new one, to be completed September 1st, 1882. This has been done, leaving an indebtedness upon the Home of several thousand dollars. The Rev. T. F. Stauffer resigned the Superintendency June 14th, 1882, and Rev. P. C. Prugh became his successor in September last.

The Home is in every respect worthy of the fostering care and liberal support of the church. Having for its object the maintenance and Christian training of the fatherless of the Church, as well as also to care for destitute orphans of every class, it has primary claims upon the Church and the charitably inclined everywhere. A large number of children have enjoyed its benefits and privileges, and are now numbered as honorable citizens. The present number of children enrolled and admitted as church orphans 21; State children on roll 11; total number in the Home 32.



ST. PAUL'S ORPHANS HOME, BUTLER, PA.

ASCENSION DAY.

THERE is something particularly calm and sweet connected with Ascension Day. How gently Jesus passed from earth to heaven! He left His blessings with His disciples who remained behind.

His Ascension makes the departure of the Christian peaceful and calm. We shall follow Him, and be where He is.

"If He in heaven hath fixed
His throne,
He'll fix His members
there."

The Forerunner has entered within the veil for us; and our Hope, like an anchor sure and steadfast, holds us there.

The hope of heaven cheers us in our weary mortal state.

WHITSUNDAY.

TEN days after the Ascension of our Lord, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in Jerusalem. The promised Comforter came, and imparted new life and light and joy, to the little band of believers. The Christian Church was thus fully established, her ministers endowed with power from on high, and they at once began to preach and administer the Holy Sacraments.

The whole of our Saviour's mission was a preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of Life, Light and Love.

"Baptize the nations; far and nigh
The triumphs of the cross record;
The name of Jesus glorify,
Till every kindred call Him Lord!"

TRINITY SUNDAY.

By the coming of the Holy Spirit, the revelation of God to man was made complete. All has been done that could be done for man by the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sanctifier.

The Church joyfully celebrates the mystery of the ever adorable Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.



In the name of the Trinity we have been baptized and confirmed; let us strive to realize the full power of this faith in our lives.

"The Holy Church throughout all the world doth
acknowledge Thee,
The FATHER of an infinite Majesty,
Thine adorable, true and only Son,
Also the HOLY GHOST, the Comforter."








JUNE,

6th Month, 30 Days.








1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Friday	1 J. Fred Oberlin	1 Pet. 3: 13-4: 16	2 8	 29	♂ rises 2 52	☾	24 40	7 20	9 32
Saturday	2 Pothinus	" 4: 17-5	2 43	 11	♂ in per. ♂ ♄ ♂. ♀		24 40	7 20	10 33








22] 2d Sunday after Trinity. Luke 14: 16-24; 1 John 3: 13-21. Day's Length, 14 hours, 42 min.

Sunday	3 Chlotilde	James 1	3 17	 23	♀ rises 3 10		24 39	7 21	11 34
Monday	4 Quirinus	2 Pet. 1: 12-2: 3	3 49	 5	♂ ♄ ♄. ☿		24 39	7 21	12 32
Tuesday	5 Boniface	Jas. 2	♄ sets	 17	5th. ♂ ♄ ☿ ♄ rises 3 50		24 38	7 22	1 30
Wednesday	6 Norbert	" 3	8 10	 29	♄ ♄ ♄. ♄ sets 8 41	☾	24 38	7 22	1 59
Thursday	7 Paul Gerhart	" 4	8 58	 12	♀ in Aphelion		14 38	7 22	2 40
Friday	8 A. H. Francke	" 5	9 40	 25	♄ ♀ Neptune		14 37	7 23	3 26
Saturday	9 Columba	Jude	10 12	 8	Regulus sets 11 34		14 37	7 23	4 16








23] 3d Sunday after Trinity. Luke 15: 1-10; 1 Pet. 5: 6-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 min.

Sunday	10 Fred. Barbarossa	Acts 13: 1-12	10 46	 21	☿ ☿ ☿ Arctur south 8 54		14 37	7 23	4 56
Monday	11 Barnabas	" 13: 13-52	11 18	 5	♀ rises 3 7		14 36	7 24	5 40
Tuesday	12 Renata	" 14	11 59	 18	12th. ♂ rises 2 30		04 36	7 24	6 20
Wednesday	13 Isaac Le Febre	" 15	morn.	 3	☾ Spica south 7 50		04 36	7 24	6 59
Thursday	14 Basil	" 16	12 20	 16	♄ in apo. Antares south 10 49	sun	4 35	7 25	7 43
Friday	15 W. Wilberforce	" 17: 1-14	12 57	 1	♄ s ts 8 12	slo	4 35	7 25	8 36
Saturday	16 Richard Baxter	" 17: 15; 18: 11	1 29	 16	♄ rises 3 18		04 35	7 25	9 31

24] 4th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 11-23. Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.

Sunday	17 John Tauler	1 Thess. 1	1 59	 1	♄. 7* rises 2 32		14 35	7 25	10 28
Monday	18 Pamphilus	" 2: 1-16	2 34	 15	♀ rises 3 1		14 35	7 25	11 24
Tuesday	19 Council at Nice	" 2: 17; 3	3 20	 0	♄ ♀ ♄. ☿ stationary ☾		14 35	7 25	12 22
Wednesday	20 27 Martyrs	" 4	♄ rise	 14	20th. ♂ rises 2 22		14 35	7 25	1 20
Thursday	21 Matt. Claudius	" 5	8 23	 28	☾ enters ☿. Longest Day		14 34	7 26	2 10
Friday	22 Gottschalk	" 1: 2: 1-12	8 59	 12	Summer commences		14 35	7 25	2 51
Saturday	23 Gottfried Arnold	" 2: 13-3	9 36	 26	♄ rises 2 15		24 35	7 25	3 40

25] 5th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Pet. 3: 8-15. Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.

Sunday	24 John Baptist	Gal. 1: 1-10	10 12	 9	♄ sets 7 39		24 35	7 25	4 21
Monday	25 Augsburg Conf.	Acts 18: 22; 19: 1-10	10 47	 22	♄ rises 2 59		24 35	7 25	5 11
Tuesday	26 J. Val. Andreæ	Gal. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	11 17	 4	♄ ♄ Neptune		24 35	7 25	5 56
Wednesday	27 Seven Sleepers	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	11 46	 16	27th. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.		34 35	7 25	6 44
Thursday	28 Irenæus	" 3: 15	morn.	 28	♄ rises 2 42		34 35	7 25	7 30
Friday	29 Peter and Paul	" 4	12 26	 10	♄ rises 1 51		34 36	7 24	8 25
Saturday	30 Raymond Lully	" 5: 6:	1 21	 23	♄ in per. ♂ ♄ ♄. ☿		34 36	7 24	9 18

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 5th, 1 o'clock, 11 min., morning.
 First Quarter, 12th, 9 " 40 " forenoon.
 Full Moon, 20th, 11 " 30 " forenoon.
 Last Quarter 27th, 2 " 36 " afternoon.

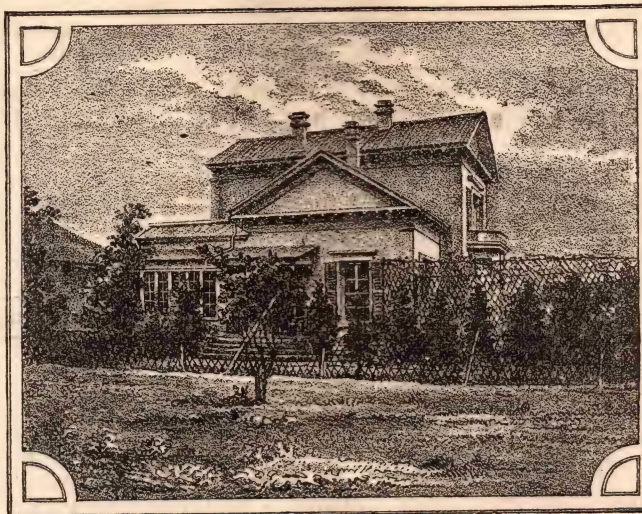
CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, 6, warm; 7, 8, cloudy; 9, 10, warm;
 11, 12, thunder showers; 13, 14, 15, clear; 16, 17, variable;
 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, warm; 25, 26, cloudy;
 27, 28, rain; 29, 30, sultry.

MISSION HOUSE, Tokio, Japan.

THE Church has certainly great reason to rejoice that at last it has an established Foreign Mission of its own. Prior to the year 1878, it had done but little in the way of Foreign Mission work. It had contributed towards the support of Rev. B. Schneider, Missionary in Syria, under the care of American Board of Commissioners of F. M., and also contributed towards the sustaining of a Missionary at Berampore, in India. But it began to be felt that the Church must have one of its own, and so April 15th, 1873, the Board, at its meeting in Harrisburg, Pa., resolved that Japan should be the country where a Mission should be planted. Subsequently, at a meeting at the same place, September 30th, 1878, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring was elected Missionary. At Easton, Pa., October 25th, 1878, during the Annual Sessions of Synod of the United States, the Missionary was solemnly ordained to the gospel ministry, and assigned by the Executive Committee of the Board, to Japan, as his field of labor.

The Missionary and his wife, Harriet L. Gring, sailed from San Francisco in May, 1879, and reached Yokohama, Japan, the following month. Their first step was to rent a house and secure foreign teachers, and at once commence the study of the Japanese language. Tokio was selected as the proper place for Missionary work. And as it was cheaper to own a house there than to rent one for a residence—a fine lot and dwelling, situated in the foreign concession, called Tsukiji, being offered for sale at half its cost value, it was at once purchased—and June 28th, 1880, the Missionary took possession of it. We give, in connection with this sketch, a picture of it which was taken from a Photograph sent to this country by the Missionary. After three years of diligent and patient study of the language of the country, the Missionary is now able to preach the gospel to those he has been able to gather around him. Surely the Church should rejoice at this and let its prayers ascend, that his labors may be crowned with success, and many of the heathen may be taught to know Jesus, the Saviour. The progress made should encourage our people to contribute more and more towards this blessed cause. It is proposed to secure another young man, willing to go out



MISSION HOUSE, JAPAN.

and join the first Missionary there, and be a co-laborer with him. It is to be hoped that the proper one may soon be found.

THE WORK OF MISSIONS.

In the whole history of the Reformed Church in this country there never was a time when the work of Missions, home and foreign, was prosecuted with greater vigor and success than at present. The Church has now a mission in Japan, and aids in support of flourishing Missionary work in India. In the home-field there are nearly a hundred

Missionaries laboring in establishing congregations. No church in this country has a more urgent call to this work, and better prospects in prosecuting it than our own, in view, especially of the German immigration constantly coming to our shores.

WHAT IS NEEDED.

First and foremost, a *Missionary Spirit*. Next, systematic organization in all our churches by means of congregational Missionary Societies, and systematic methods of making contributions. Then, the cultivation of a spirit of liberality, so that our contributions may be largely increased. Finally, the spread of information among our people, of the condition and wants of our Missionary fields.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

In conducting the stated meetings of our Congregational Missionary Societies, proper efforts should be made to make them interesting. This requires careful preparation, especially on the part of those who conduct them, and take part in their services. There is need of a carefully prepared tract giving an outline of the best methods of conducting these meetings. Preparatory to this, or along with this, let some articles be prepared on this subject and published in our Church periodicals. By means of these meetings the mind, and heart of the Church may be kept in close communion and sympathy with the work of our Missionaries. A Constitution for such a Society will be found on another page.

JULY,

7th Month, 31 Days.

1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. rises. m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m. h. m.	Sun HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
26]	6th Sunday after Trinity.	Mat hew 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min.					
Sunday	1 H. Voes	1 Cor. 1	2 10	4	♂ ♀ h. ♀ sets 3 0	3 4	36 7	24 10 19
Monday	2 Visit V. M.	" 2	2 54	15	♂. ♀ gr. Elon. West. ♂ ♀ ♀	4 4	36 7	24 11 20
Tuesday	3 Otto Bishop	" 3; 4: 1-4	3 44	26	♂ rises 3 50 in apo. ♀	4 4	37 7	23 12 21
Wednesday	4 Independence	" 4; 5; 5: 1-8	♂ sets 7	7	4th. ♂ ♀ ♀ ♂ ♀	4 4	37 7	23 1 21
Thursday	5 Lord Cobham	" 5: 9; 6:	7 56	18	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ rises 2 20	4 4	37 7	23 1 58
Friday	6 John Huss	" 7	8 29	29	Antares south 9 22	4 4	38 7	22 2 46
Saturday	7 Willibald	" 8: 9:	8 59	11	Aldebaran rises 2 25	5 4	38 7	22 3 32
27]	7th Sunday after Trinity.	Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 42 min.					
Sunday	8 Kilian	1 Cor. 10; 11: 1	9 28	25	♂ rises 1 32	5 4	39 7	21 4 17
Monday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	" 11: 2	9 56	9	Spica sets 11 28	5 4	39 7	21 4 54
Tuesday	10 Wm. of Orange	" 12: 1-30	10 26	23	Dog Days Begin	5 4	40 7	20 5 30
Wednesday	11 Placedus	" 12: 31; 13	10 57	8	♀ rises 3 8	5 4	40 7	20 6 10
Thursday	12 Henry II.	" 14	11 29	22	12th. ♂ in apo.	5 4	41 7	19 6 49
Friday	13 Eugenius	" 15: 1-34	morn.	6	Wega south 11 2	5 4	41 7	19 7 35
Saturday	14 Bonaventura	" 15: 35; 16	12 1	24	♂. ♀ rises 1 54	5 4	42 7	18 8 31
28]	8th Sunday after Trinity.	Matthew 7: 15-23; Rom. 8: 12-17.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 34 min.					
Sunday	15 Answer	Acts 19: 11; 20: 1	12 46	4	7* rises 12 34	6 4	43 7	17 8 28
Monday	16 Anna Askow	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	1 39	18	Regulus sets 9 1	6 4	43 7	17 10 24
Tuesday	17 Separatus & 11 co.	" 1: 23; 2	2 41	3	Arctur sets 10 56	6 4	44 7	16 11 20
Wednesday	18 Arnulf	" 3; 4: 1-6	3 50	17	♂ rises 1 12	6 4	45 7	15 12 15
Thursday	19 Louisa Henrietta	" 4: 7; 5: 10	♂ rise	11	19th. ♀ in ♂	6 4	46 7	14 1 10
Friday	20 John Martheil	" 5: 11; 6; 7: 1	7 55	15	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀	6 4	46 7	14 1 52
Saturday	21 Eberhard	" 7: 2	8 32	29	♂ in Perihelion	6 4	47 7	13 2 49
29]	9th Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 6-13.	Day's Length 14 hours, 24 min.					
Sunday	22 Mary Magdalen	2 Cor. 8	9 5	12	♂ enters ♂	6 4	48 7	12 3 31
Monday	23 God'rv. Hamelle	" 9	9 38	25	♀ rises 3 20	6 4	49 7	11 4 20
Tuesday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 10	10 11	7	♂ rises 1 24	6 4	50 7	10 5 8
Wednesday	25 St. James	" 11	10 42	19	♂ in per. ♂ ♀ ♀	6 4	51 7	9 5 48
Thursday	26 Christopher	" 12: 1-18	11 18	1	26th. Orion rises 3 2	6 4	52 7	8 6 30
Friday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 12: 19; 13:	morn.	13	♂ Aldebaran rises 12 58	6 4	52 7	8 7 28
Saturday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	Acts 20: 1-13	12 8	25	♂ rises 12 59	6 4	53 7	7 8 26
30]	10th Sunday after Trinity.	Luke 19: 41-48; 1 Cor. 12: 5-11.	Day's Length, 14 hours, 12 min.					
Sunday	29 Olaus	Rom. 1: 1-17	12 51	7	♂ ♀ h. ♂. ♂ ♀ ♀ inferior.	6 4	54 7	6 9 24
Monday	30 John Wessel	" 1: 18-31	1 31	19	♀ rises 3 28	6 4	55 7	5 10 21
Tuesday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	" 2	2 34	1	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ♀	6 4	56 7	4 11 18

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 4th, 10 o'clock, 2 min., forenoon.
 First Quarter, 12th, 2 " 43 " morning.
 Full Moon, 19th, 10 " 29 " evening.
 Last Quarter, 26th, 7 " 12 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, warm; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, 12, warmest days; 13, 14, 15, warm; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, thunder showers; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, sultry; 28, 29, rain; 30, 31, warm.

(2.) Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun, the 5th, and cannot be seen.

REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD.

WE have here a picture of the present Publication House of the Church. It was purchased by the Board of Publication in 1873. It is well situated and very well suited for the purpose. On the first floor there is the Book Store, and Publication Office, where all the business pertaining to the Publications of the Church is transacted. The rooms on the other floors are occupied by parties renting them.

From this building, all the Publications, books and periodicals, of the Church are sent out.



REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD.

The affairs of the Board of Publication are now in a prosperous condition, and it is well worthy of the confidence and patronage of the Church. It deserves the support of the whole Church, as it is an Institution of *the Church* and not that of any private individual. It is under the management of an efficient Board, whose members are elected by the three Eastern Synods, with Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, as Superintendent and Treasurer.

All pastors and members of the Church will receive a warm welcome, should they call at these Publication Rooms, when they are in the city of Philadelphia. They should not go home without calling at 907 Arch St.

WHAT THE CONSTITUTION SAYS.

No one can be ordained to the Holy Ministry under twenty-one years of age.

A Minister is bound to continue in the service of the sanctuary as long as he lives; nor dare he devote himself to any secular calling, at his own pleasure.

Members of the Church must, by a proper support, place their Ministers above disturbing want, that they may give themselves entirely to their sacred work.

Our Church Courts are these: Consistory, Classis, Synod, and General Synod. The last meets only every three years.

Each Synod shall give every necessary attention to the education of poor young men for the Ministry, and to both Home Missions and Foreign Missions, as well as to the publication of books and papers for the Church.

"All baptized persons are members of the Church, under its care, and subject to its government and discipline."

"A child may be baptized, if one of the parents be a communicant member; but if neither of them be such, it must remain for the present unbaptized, agreeably to 1 Cor. vii. 14."

Baptisms should be in the Church, and parents must themselves take every vow.

Every Minister shall give special attention to the instruction of the young to prepare them for full membership. The Elders shall be present, if possible, at this

catechization. Persons become full members of the Church by the rite of confirmation.

Members removing shall obtain a certificate of dismission, and connect themselves at the earliest opportunity with the congregation to whose bounds they have removed. This certificate is good for only one year.

No Minister shall accept payment for administering Baptism or the Lord's Supper and so make traffic of sacred things. The same ought to hold also in regard to funerals, says the Constitution. He should have a proper salary, and all his services should then be free.

Family worship and prayer-meetings during the week are important.

DECISION WITH CHILDREN.

Whatever you think proper to grant a child, let it be granted at the first word, without entreaty or prayer, and above all without making conditions. Grant with pleasure, refuse with reluctance, but let your refusal be irrevocable; let no importunity shake your resolution; let the particle "no," when once pronounced, be a wall of brass, which a child, after he has tried his strength against it half a dozen times, shall never more endeavor to shake.

IMMEDIATELY after finding the last hymn of the Church service, turn to the doxology, so as to have it ready when the congregation rises to sing the same.

AUGUST,

8th Month, 31 Days.

1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. rises.	Sun m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1 Maccabees	Rom. 3	3 41		14 ♀ rises 3 46	6 4	5 7	3 12	6
Thursday	2 Mar. under Nero	" 4	7 12		2d. ♀ rises 3 51	6 4	5 8	2 1	4
Friday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 5: 1-11	7 12		♂ ♀ rises 12 49	6 4	5 9	1 1	4
Saturday	4 Leonard Käser	" 5: 12-21	7 39		♂ rises 12 49	6 5	0 7	0 2	31

31] 11th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 58 min.

Sunday	5 Salz'g Evang.	" 5; 6:	8 10		7 Altair south 10 42	6 5	1 6	5 9	3 20
Monday	6 Transfiguration	" 7	8 34		Sirius rises 4 30	6 5	2 6	5 8	4 11
Tuesday	7 Nonna	" 8: 1-15	9 6		♂ rises 12 24	5 5	3 6	5 7	4 50
Wednesday	8 Hormisdas	" 8: 16-39	9 42		♂ rises 3 24	5 5	4 6	5 6	5 30
Thursday	9 Numidicus	" 9: 1-13	10 24		♂ in apo.	5 5	5 6	5 5	6 14
Friday	10 Laurentius	" 9: 14-33	11 6		10th. ♀ rises 4 8	5 5	6 6	5 4	6 55
Saturday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 10	11 55		♂ rises 12 29	5 5	7 6	5 3	7 41

32] 12th Sunday after Trinity. Mark 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 42 min

Sunday	12 An. of Havelb'g	Rom. 11	morn.		15 7* rises 10 44	5 5	9 6	5 1	8 29
Monday	13 C'nt. Zinzendorf	" 12	12 50		29 Regulus sets 7 15	5 5	10 6	5 0	9 10
Tuesday	14 James Guthrie	" 13	1 40		♂ Neptune ☉ ♀ in ♀	4 5	11 6	19 10	54
Wednesday	15 Ass'n V. Mary	" 14	2 36		♂ rises 11 40	4 5	12 6	4 8	11 40
Thursday	16 John of Saxony	" 15: 1-13	3 22		10 Spica sets 8 59	4 5	13 6	4 7	12 29
Friday	17 John Gerhard	" 15: 14; 33	3 59		♂ Rigel rises 12 52	4 5	14 6	4 6	12 59
Saturday	18 Hugo G otius	" 16	♂ rise		18th. Dog Days End.	4 5	15 6	4 5	1 30

33] 13th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 10: 23-27; Gal. 3: 15-22. Day's Length, 13 hours, 26 min.

Sunday	19 Sebaldus	Acts 20	7 13		20 ♀ rises 4 17	3 5	17 6	4 3	2 14
Monday	20 Bernard of Clair.	" 21	7 46		♂ rises 12 11	3 5	18 6	4 2	2 54
Tuesday	21 1st Morv. Mission	" 22; 23:	8 20		♂ in per. ♀ rises 2 40	3 5	19 6	4 1	3 42
Wednesday	22 Symphorianus	" 24; 25:	8 55		♀ in Perihelion	3 5	20 6	4 0	4 31
Thursday	23 Gasp. de Cologne	" 26	9 33		♂ ☉ enters ♀	2 5	21 6	3 9	5 14
Friday	24 Bartholomew	" 27	10 10		♂ rises 11 9	2 5	23 6	3 7	5 56
Saturday	25 Louis IX.	" 28	10 54		25th. ♂ ♀ ♀.	2 5	24 6	3 6	6 40

34] 14th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24. Day's Length, 13 hours, 10 min.

Sunday	26 Ulfilas	Eph. 1: 1-14	11 40		15 Neptune stationary	2 5	25 6	3 5	7 20
Monday	27 Jovinian	" 1: 15; 2: 1-10	morn.		♂ ♀ ♀ rises 12 1	1 5	26 6	3 4	7 59
Tuesday	28 Aug. of Heppo	" 2: 11; 3:	12 50		7* rises 9 44	1 5	27 6	3 3	8 46
Wednesday	29 St. John Baptist	" 4: 1-17	1 59		♂ ♀ ♀ rises 2 10	1 5	29 6	3 1	9 55
Thursday	30 Claud. of Turin	" 4: 18	3 1		4 Spica sets 8 8	1 5	30 6	3 0	10 59
Friday	31 Aidan	" 5; 6: 1-9	4 5		18 Orion rises 12 42	0 5	31 6	2 9	12 14

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 2d, 8 o'clock, 25 min., evening.
 First Quarter, 10th, 8 " 23 " evening.
 Full Moon, 18th, 7 " 52 " morning.
 Last Quarter, 25th, 12 " 30 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, thunder; 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, 6, clear; 7, 8, variable; 9, 10, rain; 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, 16, warm; 17, 18, cloudy; 19, 20, thunder showers; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, variable; 26, 27, showers; 28, 29, 30, fair; 31, warm.

AUGUST.

PALATINATE COLLEGE.

THIS Institution is located at Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa. It was chartered in the year 1868, and is invested with full collegiate powers.

It is under the supervision of the Lebanon Classis of the Reformed Church, and is controlled by an efficient Board of Trustees. It is the aim of all having a control of it, to make it a home of Christian nurture.

H. R. Nicks, A. M., was its first President. He was succeeded by Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, D. D.,



"Palatinate College," Myerstown, Pa., Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., Pres.

who in turn was succeeded by Rev. George B. Russell, D. D., the present President. He is assisted by an efficient corps of Professors. The Catalogue of 1882 contains the names of eight Professors, and teachers, and 129 pupils of both sexes. It has an Academic, and a Collegiate Department, the latter being divided into a Scientific and Ladies' Course, and a Classical Course. There is also a Musical Department, the aim of which is to give a good musical education, both in the technicalities and the æsthetics of the art.

LIFE.



LIFE is not living
Just for to-day,
Life is not dreaming
All the short way.

To live is to do
What must be done;
To work and be true,
For work is soon done.

'Tis living for others,
To lighten their load;
'Tis helping your brothers,
And trusting in God.

JAMES H. HOADLEY.

COURTESY.

If found anywhere, courtesy should be found at home among parents and children, brothers and sisters, masters and servants. It should be no mere company ornament, put on for show where there are no observers, but an article of daily wear. It is a home grace, and should be seen at its finest at the fireside, not only in the thoughtful and delicate attentions of one member of the family to another, but also in conversation purged of all flippancy and rudeness.—*Selected.*

GOSSIP.

GUARD against the habit of talking over your friends, of laughing at their little peculiarities, and finding fault with their ways. The habit grows by use, and once indulged in, it produces a pettiness of character which is undignified and far from admirable. The truth in love, is the gospel rule.

BALKY CHURCH MEMBERS.

THOSE who have owned balky horses know they are very hard to manage. They have a peculiar knack of having their own way, and will go backward and forward at their own will, while no amount of coaxing can induce them to change their course of action, when once they have determined upon it. If they happen to take the backward movement, all has to stand still until their fancy changes, when they spring forward with force enough to carry the whole load themselves, without aid from their mates. We have seen Church members who remind us of balky horses. They will stand still and do nothing themselves, and prove a hindrance to others; then, all at once, forward they spring, all ambition at work. They cannot do enough while the fit lasts, and they begin to whip up the members who have been pulling steadily all the time, and who accomplish more than an army of these balky workers who go by fits and starts.

ABOUT DANCING.

"It is told of the late Bishop McIlvaine, of the Episcopal Church, that when asked by a young lady, 'Is it any harm for Christians to dance?' he replied in his inimitable way, 'My sister, Christians have no desire to dance.' This brings us to the very centre of this question. Fondness for the dance reveals the decline or departure of earnest, vital piety."

To be successful in anything we must be interested in it. If we would interest others, we must be interested ourselves. This is especially true of preachers. A preacher who talks as if he had no particular interest in the sermon, must not be surprised if his hearers lack interest also. If he fails to secure their attention, and awaken their interest, he will not be apt to accomplish much good.

SEPTEMBER,

9th Month, 30 Days.

1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. rises. m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	Sun HIGH WATER. h. m.
Saturday	1 Hanna	Eph. 6: 10	☾ sets	2	1st. ☿ ☽ ♀ 7 ³² rises	05 32	6 28	1 6
35] 15th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 6: 24-34; Gal. 5: 25; 6: 10. Day's Length, 12 hours, 54 min.								
Sunday	2 Mamas	Col. 1:	7 2	☾ 16	☿ ☽ ☾ rises 10 32	05 33	6 27	1 47
Monday	3 Hildegard	" 2; 3: 1-4	7 32	☿ 0	☿ in Aph lion ☽ ☽ ☿	15 34	6 26	2 35
Tuesday	4 Ida	" 3: 5; 4	8 0	☿ 15	Sirius rises 2 46	15 35	6 25	3 24
Wednesday	5 John Mollio	Philemon	8 30	☿ 29	☽ in apo. ☽ rises 11 50	25 36	6 24	4 10
Thursday	6 Matthias Weibel	Philip 1: 1-26	9 12	☿ 13	Spica sets 7 41	25 37	6 23	4 51
Friday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 1: 27; 2	9 53	☿ 27	☽ rises 1 40	25 39	6 21	5 30
Saturday	8 Corbinian	" 3; 4:	10 42	☿ 11	☿. Orion rises 12 16	25 40	6 20	6 10
36] 16th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 7: 11-17; Eph. 3: 13-21. Day's Length, 12 hours, 38 min.								
Sunday	9 Lorigi Paschall	1 Tim. 1	11 36	☿ 25	☿ rises 10 1	35 41	6 19	6 55
Monday	10 Paul Separatus	" 2	morn.	☿ 9	Antares sets 9 30	35 43	6 17	7 26
Tuesday	11 John Brenz	" 3: 1-13	12 44	☿ 23	☿ gr. Elon. East	35 44	6 16	8 18
Wednesday	12 Dionys' Pelou'n	" 3: 14; 4: 10	1 46	☿ 6	☿ sets 7 0	45 45	6 15	9 20
Thursday	13 Wm. Farel	" 4: 11; 5: 16	2 49	☿ 20	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	45 47	6 13	10 26
Friday	14 Cyprian	" 5: 17	3 54	☿ 3	☽ rises 1 18	55 48	6 12	11 30
Saturday	15 Ar. V. Grumb'h	" 6	4 59	☿ 16	☽ rises 11 41	55 49	6 11	12 29
37] 17th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-16. Day's Length, 12 hours, 20 min.								
Sunday	16 Euphemia	Titus 1	☾ rise	29	16th. ☿ ☽ ☾	55 50	6 10	1 28
Monday	17 Lambert	" 2	6 25	☿ 11	☿ ☽ ☽ Altair 8 4	65 52	6 8	2 22
Tuesday	18 A. G. Spangenb'g	" 3	7 1	☿ 23	Orion rises 11 37	65 53	6 7	3 14
Wednesday	19 Emberday	2 Tim. 1	7 41	☿ 5	☽ in per. ☽ rises 1 2	65 54	6 6	3 54
Thursday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 2	8 35	☿ 17	☿ ☽ ☽ superior ☿	75 56	6 4	4 40
Friday	21 Matthew	" 3	9 25	☿ 29	☿ ☽ ☽ rises 9 26	75 57	6 3	5 30
Saturday	22 Mauritius	" 4	10 23	☿ 11	☽ stationary	75 59	6 1	4 12
38] 18th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 22: 34-46; 1 Cor. 1: 4-9. Day's Length, 12 hours, 0 min.								
Sunday	23 5 Mar. of Gen'a	Heb. 1	11 21	☿ 23	23d. ☽ en- ters m. Day and Night equal.	86 06	0 6	6 51
Monday	24 John J. Moser	" 2	morn.	☿ 5	☿ ☽ ☽ Autumn comes.	86 15	59 7	39
Tuesday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 3; 4	12 15	☿ 17	☽ ☽ ☽ rises 11 20	86 25	58 8	21
Wednesday	26 Lioba	" 5	1 15	☿ 29	☽ rises 12 41	96 45	56 9	1
Thursday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 6	2 13	☿ 12	7* rises 7 56	96 55	55 9	42
Friday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 7	3 14	☿ 25	Fomal south 10 30	96 75	53 10	31
Saturday	29 St Michael	" 8	4 14	☿ 10	☽ rises 8 58	106 85	52 11	32
39] 19th Sunday after Trinity Matt. 9: 1-8; Eph. 4: 17-32. Day's Length, 11 hours, 40 min.								
Sunday	30 Jerome	Heb. 9: 1-14	5 18	☿ 24	Procyon rises 12 47	106 10	50 12	30

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 1st, 9 o'clock, 13 min., morning.
 First Quarter, 9th, 1 " 36 " afternoon.
 Full Moon, 16th, 4 " 40 " afternoon
 Last Quarter 23d, 7 " 49 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, thunder
 showers; 9, 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17,
 warm; 18, 19, sultry; 20, 21, storm; 22, 23, cloudy; 24, 25,
 26, fair; 27, 28, stormy; 29, 30, fair.

(☿) Venus is in Inferior conjunction with the Sun the 20th. Passes from Morning Star to Evening Star.

GREENSBURG SEMINARY.

THIS Institution was founded March 3d, 1874, by the Pittsburg Synod of the Reformed Church. It is located at Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa. The object of this School is to afford the advantages of higher education to the daughters of the Reformed Church. It is a Church School and aims especially to subserve the educational interests of the Reformed Church, whilst at the same time it labors to promote the interest of Christian education generally. The course of study is broad and comprehensive, including all the branches of a liberal education for young ladies. Special attention is given to Music and Art Studies.

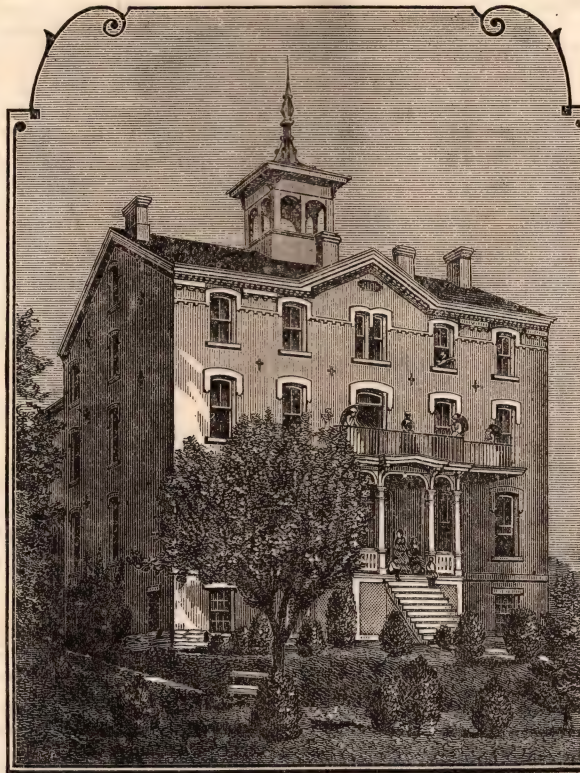
Young ladies completing the prescribed course of Studies, will be awarded Diplomas of graduation. The government of the Institution is mild but firm.

As a Church School special attention is paid to the moral and religious training of the pupils.

The above cut shows the front, and part of the side view of the Seminary Building. The front of the main building is fifty feet and the entire depth is ninety. It has sufficient capacity to accommodate forty boarding, and a large chapel and class rooms for one hundred and fifty scholars.

The Institution has been well patronized from the beginning. The number of pupils in attendance during the last year was about one hundred. It is to be hoped that the daughters of our Reformed families will avail themselves of the advantages it affords them in the future, still more than in the past. The Institution needs only the encouragement and support of the Church to accomplish a great and good work.

In 1879, it was thought best also to open a Male Department in connection with the Seminary. It was, however, not intended by this step, in any respect, to interfere with the original design of the Institution, as a Female Seminary. The provisions for this department are distinct and separate, and are intended also to afford



GREENSBURG FEMALE SEMINARY.

the advantages of a High School education to young men.

The course of study is similar to that of our best colleges, and may be pursued with profit and advantage by the pupil to the Junior year. The Institution has been well sustained, and promises to do a good work for education.

Rev. Lucian Cort is the President, assisted by a corps of seven well qualified teachers.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

LITTLE progress can be made in Missionary work without Church buildings. The collection for this fund goes to aid in the erection of new churches in Missionary fields. Let it not be forgotten or omitted in the regular benevolent contributions. Often the success or failure of a Mission, is determined by the matter of a little aid in erecting the first house of worship. For some years this fund has been partially neglected. Let it be revived and replenished by regular collections in all our churches.

WHAT MIGHT BE DONE.

If every confirmed member of the Church would give only fifty cents a year to benevolent purposes, our Boards would have over \$80,000 annually, to distribute! Every congregation, however poor, ought to contribute something for purposes of general benevolence.

WHAT OUGHT TO BE DONE.

Look over the Catalogue of Publications of the Church, found in this Almanac, and such of them as you have not, send for! It will do you and your children good, to have them and read them.

Do you take your Church Paper? If not, subscribe at once, and be a life-long subscriber for it.

OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.

1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. rises m. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Monday	1 Remigius	Heb. 9: 15	☾ sets 9	♏	1st. ☾ ☽ ♀. ☿ ☾	10 6 11 5	49 1 27	
Tuesday	2 Chr. Schmid	" 10: 1-18	6 30	♏	♂ rises 12 15	11 6 12 5	48 2 10	
Wednesday	3 The two Ewaldes	" 10: 19	7 9	♏	☾ in apo. ☽ rises 11 8	11 6 14 5	46 2 52	
Thursday	4 Franciscus	" 11	7 53	♏	♂ rises 8 37	11 6 15 5	45 3 40	
Friday	5 Petro Carnesec.	" 12	8 44	♏	7* rises 7 26	12 6 16 5	44 4 22	
Saturday	6 Henry Albert	" 13	9 31	♏	☽ ☿ ☾ Inferior	12 6 18 5	42 5 12	
40] 20th Sunday after Trinity. Matthew 22: 1-14; Eph. 5: 15-21. Day's Length, 11 hours, 22 min.								
Sunday	7 Theodore Beza	Prov. 1: 2	10 43	♏	♂ rises 8 29	12 6 19 5	41 5 55	
Monday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	" 3	11 52	♏	Sirius rises 12 41	12 6 20 5	40 6 42	
Tuesday	9 Dionysius Aro.	" 4	morn.	♏	9th. Orion rises 10 23	13 6 21 5	39 7 31	
Wednesday	10 Justus Jonas	" 5; 6: 1-19	12 59	♏	♂ rises 11 43	13 6 23 5	37 8 22	
Thursday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	" 6: 20; 7	2 10	♏	7* rises 7 4	13 6 24 5	36 9 11	
Friday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 8	3 4	♏	♂ rises 8 11	13 6 25 5	35 9 57	
Saturday	13 Elizabeth Fry	" 9	3 56	♏	♂ rises 10 59	14 6 26 5	34 10 42	
41] 21st Sunday after Trinity. John 4: 46-54; Eph. 6: 10-20. Day's Length, 11 hours, 4 min.								
Sunday	14 Nich. Ridley	Prov. 10: 11	4 40	♏	Aldebaran rises 8 21	14 6 28 5	32 11 33	
Monday	15 Aurelia	" 12: 13	5 32	♏	☿ stationary ♀	14 6 29 5	31 12 31	
Tuesday	16 Gallus	" 14: 15	☾ rise 6	♏	16th. ☾ in per. ☾ Eclipsed visible.	14 6 31 5	29 1 26	
Wednesday	17 Rev. Edi. of Nan.	" 16: 17	6 22	♏	☿ in Perihelion	15 6 32 5	28 1 59	
Thursday	18 St. Luke Ev.	" 18: 19	7 3	♏	♂ rises 11 22	15 6 33 5	27 2 44	
Friday	19 Bruno	" 20; 21; 22 1-10	7 48	♏	☽ ☾ ♀. ☽ ♀	15 6 35 5	25 3 36	
Saturday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 22: 17; 23: 24	8 36	♏	♂ rises 7 40	15 6 36 5	24 4 29	
42] 22d Sunday after Trinity. Matthew 18: 21-35; Phil. 1: 3-71. Day's Length, 11 hours, 46 min.								
Sunday	21 Hilarion	Prov. 25; 26	9 26	♏	☾ enters ♍	15 6 37 5	23 5 33	
Monday	22 Hedwig	" 27	10 19	♏	22d. ☿ gr. Elong. West.	15 6 38 5	22 6 19	
Tuesday	23 Henry Martin	" 28; 29	11 18	♏	☿ rises 5 54 ☽ ☽ ♀	16 6 39 5	21 7 9	
Wednesday	24 Arethas	" 30; 31	morn.	♏	♂ rises 10 46	16 6 41 5	19 7 59	
Thursday	25 John Herz	Song of Sol. 1: 2; 3	12 20	♏	☿ sets 5 40 Eve. Star.	16 6 42 5	18 8 50	
Friday	26 Frederick III	" 4; 5	1 24	♏	♂ rises 11 8	16 6 43 5	17 9 41	
Saturday	27 Frumentius	" 6; 7; 8	2 30	♏	☽ ☽ ☾ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	16 6 44 5	16 10 30	
43] 23d Sunday after Trinity. Matthew 22: 15-22; Phil. 3: 17-21. Day's Length, 10 hours, 28 min.								
Sunday	28 Simon and Jude	Eccl. 1; 2	3 44	♏	♂ rises 7 14	16 6 46 5	14 11 25	
Monday	29 Alfred the Great	" 3; 4; 5; 6: 1-9	5 0	♏	☽ ☽ ♀. 7* south 1 24	16 6 47 5	13 12 20	
Tuesday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 6: 10; 7: 8: 1-15	☾ sets 2	♏	30th. ☾ in apo.	16 6 48 5	12 1 16	
Wednesday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	" 8: 16; 9: 10; 11; 12	5 50	♏	☽ ☽ ♀. ♀	16 6 49 5	11 1 56	

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 1st, 12 o'clock, 53 min., morning.
 First Quarter, 9th, 5 " 18 " morning.
 Full Moon, 16th, 1 " 44 " morning.
 Last Quarter, 22d, 6 " 17 " evening.
 New Moon, 30th, 6 " 55 " evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, 9, 10, stormy cold; 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 18; rain; 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, cloudy, 26, 27, rain; 28, 29, 30, clear; 31, pleasant.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

When Marshall College was removed from Mercersburg, Pa., to Lancaster, Pa., the buildings belonging to the College were, after passing through several hands, purchased by Mercersburg Classis. And in the fall of 1866 Mercersburg College was organized with Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., as President. In time Dr. Apple resigned to accept a Professorship in the Theological Seminary, also then removed from Mercersburg to Lancaster, and Rev. E. E. Higbee, D. D., became his successor.

After the removal of the Seminary, the College obtained a lease for ninety-nine years of the Seminary buildings. Since then they have been the principal buildings of the Institution—a picture of which accompanies this



MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

sketch. After several years of prosperity, for some reason or other, it began to decline, and finally was obliged to suspend operations. The Synod of the Potomac having before this taken it under its care, —the Board of Regents elected by it, resolved to revive it again, and in the fall of 1881 it was again reopened under the Principalship of Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D. Since then it has shown flattering evidences of again receiving a full share of patronage, and bids fair to take its place amid the prosperous Institutions of the Church.

Mercersburg and its advantages are too well-known for us to say anything further. There is no reason why it should not, as *of old*, be thronged with students in attendance upon its College.

MINISTERS WANTED.

Only a few years ago some supposed that the Church had more ministers than it really needed, and not much encouragement was given to young men studying for the ministry. As a result of this feeling, and other causes, no doubt, the number of candidates for the ministry has been gradually diminished. The same is the case, it seems, in other churches. All this has become changed, however, so far, at least, as the Reformed Church is concerned. There is an urgent call for more ministers. This is owing, to some extent, to the activity put forth in the cause of missions. Young men are needed to take charge of mission stations. This is at present the pressing need of the Church. Moreover, our older ministers are retiring from the work, some by reason of age and infirmities, and some are taken away by death. New charges are being formed by dividing old ones. The Church could engage a considerable number more of ministers at the present time. The way to meet this want is to seek out proper young men, and encourage and assist them to study for the ministry, where there is need. The very best talent and the very best preparation, however, are needed. The Lord calls for the best.

WHY CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND CHURCH.

The principal fault lies with parents themselves. There is too little home-discipline of any sort now-a-days.




A child who does not want to go to church is permitted to stay at home without any good reason. He "does not want to go;" he "does not see the use;" he "will not go." And so parents allow their children to do as they please. Not, indeed, in reference to the public school are they permitted to choose for themselves. To that they must go, whether they wish to or not. And so they go on. Parents are not afraid to prejudice their children in regard to their secular studies, but when attendance at preaching is in question there is no parental authority; or at least there is the largest degree of laxity. Verily, parents are responsible for the absence of the children from the pews on Sunday morning. Let a man resolve that his family shall be at church, and they will be there. It is not merely authority that is needed at home, but an appeal to the child's conscience.

A THING THAT IS WRONG:—To dedicate a church to God before it is paid for. How can it be given to God when it is mortgaged to men, or partly at least under claim? All debts are bad things; and church debts are the worst of all.








NOVEMBER,

11th Month, 30 Days.








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Thursday	1 All Saints	Esther 1; 2; 3; 4	46 36		2 ☐ ☿ ☽ rises 10 26	166 51	5 9	2 42	
Friday	2 Victorinus	" 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10	7 32		☿ sets 5 35	166 52	5 8	3 29	
Saturday	3 Pirminus	Psalm 93	8 36		2 Sirius rises 11 8	166 53	5 7	4 10	








44] 4th Sunday before Advent. Matt. 9: 18-26; Col. 1: 9-14. Day's Length, 10 hours, 12 min.

Sunday	4 John A. Bengel	John 21: 1-23	9 29		16 ♃ rises 10 30	166 54	5 6	4 44	
Monday	5 Hans Egede	1 John 1: 2	10 18		♃ rises 6 36	166 55	5 5	5 32	
Tuesday	6 Gustav. Adolph.	" 3	11 8		♃ Orion rises 8 36	166 56	5 4	6 12	
Wednesday	7 Willibrord	" 4	morn.		7th. Wega sets 12 28	166 57	5 3	6 49	
Thursday	8 Willehad	" 5	12 12		♃ Arctur south 6 28	166 58	5 2	7 34	
Friday	9 John v. S'aupitz	2 John	1 21		♃ rises 10 10	166 59	5 1	8 30	
Saturday	10 Martin Luther	3 "	2 32		☿ sets 5 37	167 0	5 0	9 28	

45] 3d Sunday before Advent. Matt. 24: 15-28; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18. Day's Length, 9 hours, 58 min.

Sunday	11 Martin of Tours	Rev. 1	3 40		17 ♃ rises 10 0	167 14	59 10	26	
Monday	12 Phil. de Mornay	" 2	4 41		♃ Neptune ☽.	167 34	57 11	24	
Tuesday	13 Arcadius	" 3	5 42		♃ ♄ Fomal south 7 34	157 44	56 12	23	
Wednesday	14 Pet. Mart. Vern	" 4: 5: 6	♃ rise		14th. ♃ in per.	157 54	55 1	22	
Thursday	15 John Kepler	" 7:8:9:1-12	5 40		♃ ♄ ♃ ♃ ♃ rises 5 46	157 64	54 1	59	
Friday	16 Casp. Creuziger	" 9:13:10:11	6 27		♃ rises 10 10	157 74	53 2	31	
Saturday	17 Bernward	" 12: 13	7 18		♃ Rigel 8 7	157 84	52 3	16	

46] 2d Sunday before Advent. Matt. 25: 31-46; 2 Thess. 1: 3-10. Day's Length, 9 hours, 44 min.

Sunday	18 Greg. Illuminat.	Rev. 14: 1-13	8 11		10 ☿ sets 5 39	157 84	52 3	54	
Monday	19 Elizab. of Hesse	" 14: 14-20	9 6		♃ ♃ ♃ ♃ ♃ rises 9 36	147 94	51 4	46	
Tuesday	20 John Williams	" 15	9 59		♃ ♃ ♃ ♃ ♃ rises 9 52	147 104	50 5	38	
Wednesday	21 Columbanus	" 16: 1-8	10 59		17 ♃ 21st. ♃ stationary	147 114	49 6	31	
Thursday	22 J. Oecolampadius	" 16: 11-21	morn.		♃ ☽ enters ♃	147 124	48 7	20	
Friday	23 Clemens Roman	" 17	12 12		7* south 11 45	137 134	47 8	14	
Saturday	24 John Knox	" 18	1 28		♃ ♃ south 12 0	137 144	46 9	4	

47] 1st Sunday before Advent. Matt. 25: 1-13; 2 Peter 3: 3-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 30 min.

Sunday	25 Catharine	Rev. 19: 1-10	2 39		10 ♃ rises 9 42	137 154	45 9	45	
Monday	26 Conrad	" 19; 11; 20: 1-3	3 50		♃ in apo. ♃ ♃ ☽ Superior	127 154	45 10	34	
Tuesday	27 Marg't Blaurer	" 20: 4-15	5 4		♃ ♃ ♃ ♃ ♃ sets 5 46	127 164	44 11	24	
Wednesday	28 Alex. Roussel	" 21: 1-18	6 6		♃ ♃ ♃ ♃ ♃ rises 9 5	127 174	43 12	20	
Thursday	29 Satarinus	" 21: 9; 22	♃ set		10 ♃ 29th. ♃ ♃ ♃	117 184	42 1	17	
Friday	30 St. Andrew	Psalm 96	6 0		♃ ♃ in Aphelion	117 184	42 2	2	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 7th, 6 o'clock, 45 min., morning.
Full Moon, 13th, 10 " 27 " evening.
Last Quarter, 21st, 3 " 7 " morning.
New Moon, 29th, 7 " 58 " morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, cloudy; 8, rain; 9, 10, cold; 11, 12, pleasant; 13, 14, 15, 16, mild; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, moderate; 24, 25, cloudy; 26, 27, rain; 28, 29, moderate fair; 30, variable.

(♃.) Saturn is in opposition with the Sun the 28th, and shines all night.

**First Reformed Church,
Philadelphia.**

THE engraving represents the first building erected by the Reformed Church as a place of worship, within the original limits of Philadelphia. The upper portion of the structure, including the vane, cupola and a section of the hip-ped roof, as it appeared from Camden, is shown in Scull and Heap's Map, published in 1753-4, from which this sketch has been restored.

The congregation was organized by the Rev. George Michael Weiss at, or near, the time of his landing with his colony of Palatines on Sept. 21st, 1727. But Rev. Michael Schlatter was pastor at the time the Hexagonal Church was built, from whose record we derive the following facts:

"From November, 1734, the congregation, had worshipped in an old, small frame house, alternating each Sabbath with the Lutheran Congregation. But after the Evangelicals (i. e. Lutherans) had built their stone church in 1744, the

Reformed worshipped alone, and paid Wm. Allen the sum of £4 yearly, for the above named church-house on Arch street, adjacent to the Quaker burial-ground."

On December 6th, 1747, he writes: "On the Second Advent Sunday, St. Nicholas Day, the writer, Michael Schlatter, minister here, for the first time preached in the new six-cornered Reformed Church, in the Race-place, from Psalm 65: 4. But the Church was not yet plastered, and had neither gallery nor window."

The "six-cornered" Church was removed and a large brick structure substituted in its place in 1772-4. In 1837, the second church was taken down and a third building erected, vacated by the congregation in July 30th, 1882.

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FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

**BETHANY ORPHANS'
HOME.**

This institution was founded on September 21, 1863. On this day Rev. Emanuel Boeringer took a poor orphan into his humble dwelling in Southwark, Philadelphia. It was an act of simple faith. Poor in this world's goods, it was all he could do. From this small beginning, in less than twenty years, grew our present Bethany Orphans' Home. Other orphans soon sought and found a home with him, and kind friends helped to provide for them.

On July 13, 1864, the Home was removed to Bridesburg, Philadelphia, where a building was bought for its use. On October 1, 1867, the Home was removed to Womelsdorf, Pa. On November 11, 1881, its large building here was totally destroyed by fire. During 1882 a new three-story brick building was erected in its place. This contains a chapel and room sufficient to accommodate at least 150 orphans. The new building is lighted with gas, and
































heated with steam. Having now this commodious building, the Board of Managers desires to fill it with the fatherless, provided the Church will furnish the needed means of support. Contributions can be sent to W. D. Gross, Box 2147, Philadelphia, and to Rev. D. B. Albright, Womelsdorf, Pa. In the wording of bequests to the Home, care should be taken to bequeath to *W. D. Gross, Treasurer of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.*, for the use of the said Home. A number of legacies intended for the Home have been lost on account of the defective wording of wills.

A FACT.—Every pastor will notice the marked difference between families in which the Church papers are read, and such that do not take them. Those who read them are acquainted with all that is going on in the Church, and are ready to help forward every good work. Do you, reader, take your Church paper? If not, subscribe for it at once. You do not know what you lose by being without it.

DECEMBER,

12th Month, 31 Days.

1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. rises. m. h. m.	Sun Sets. h. m.	Phil. HIGH WATER. h. m.
Saturday	1 Eligius	Psalm 145	6 35	 10	♂ ♀. ♀ sets 6 2	11 7 19	4 41	2 43
48] 1st Sunday in Advent. Matt. 21: 8-11; Rom. 13: 11-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 22 min.								
Sunday	2 John Ruysbruck	John 1: 1-14	7 23	 24	♂ rises 9 30	10 7 19	4 41	3 30
Monday	3 Gerhard Groot	Gen. 2: 4-25	8 18	 9	♂ rises 8 45	10 7 20	4 40	4 6
Tuesday	4 Gerh. v Zütphan	Matt. 19: 1-12	9 16	 23	♂ south 11 30	9 7 20	4 40	4 44
Wednesday	5 Crispin	Eph. 5: 22-33	10 10	 6	♂ south 10 58	9 7 21	4 39	5 22
Thursday	6 Nicholas	1 Cor. 7	11 16	 19	Sirius rises 8 45	9 7 21	4 39	6 18
Friday	7 Paulus Odontius	Gen. 3	morn.	 1	♂ 7th. Orion rises 6 25	8 7 22	4 38	7 19
Saturday	8 Mart. Rinkard	" 8: 15; 9: 17	12 30	 14	♀ sets 6 10	8 7 22	4 38	8 20
49] 2d Sunday in Advent. Luke 21: 25-33; Rom. 15: 4-13. Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.								
Sunday	9 Beuj. Schmolck	Acts 17: 15-34	1 45	 26	Rigel rises 6 30	7 7 23	4 37	9 21
Monday	10 Paul Eber	Gen. 15	2 59	 7	♂. ♂ rises 9 18	7 7 23	4 37	10 25
Tuesday	11 Hen. v. Zütphen	Deut. 5	4 10	 19	♂ rises 8 18	6 7 24	4 36	11 16
Wednesday	12 Vicelin	Ex. 12	5 26	 1	♂ in per. ♀ in Aphelion. ♂ ♀ ♀	6 7 24	4 36	12 14
Thursday	13 Odilia	Deut. 27	♂ rise	 13	♂ 13th. ♀ south 11 4	5 7 24	4 36	1 12
Friday	14 Dioscorus	Rom. 7	5 36	 25	♂ Regulus rises 9 51	5 7 25	4 35	1 52
Saturday	15 Christiana	Lev't. 16	6 46	 7	♀ sets 6 18	5 7 25	4 35	2 39
50] 3d Sunday in Advent. Matt. 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.								
Sunday	16 Adelheid	Isa. 40; John 5	7 56	 19	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ rises 7 50	4 7 25	4 35	3 26
Monday	17 Sturm	1 Peter 1: 3-12	8 44	 1	Altair sets 8 28	4 7 25	4 35	4 12
Tuesday	18 Louis v. Seckendorf	2 Sam. 7	9 33	 14	♂ ♀. ♂ rises 9 8	3 7 25	4 35	4 53
Wednesday	19 Emberday	Joel 3	10 12	 26	♂ south 10 44	3 7 25	4 35	5 41
Thursday	20 Abraham	Jer. 23	11 10	 9	♂ ♀. ♂ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	2 7 25	4 35	6 33
Friday	21 Thomas	" 31	morn.	 22	♂ 21st. ♂ enters ♀ Shortest Day.	2 7 26	4 34	7 21
Saturday	22 Hugh McKail	Isa. 52: 13; 53	12 12	 6	♂ Winter commences	1 7 25	4 35	7 57
51] 4th Sunday in Advent. John 1: 19-34; Phil. 4: 4-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.								
Sunday	23 Anna dū Bourg	John 3: 23-36	1 22	 20	♀ sets 6 24	1 7 25	4 35	8 40
Monday	24 Adam and Eve	Isaiah 11: 1-10	2 31	 4	♂ in apo. ♂ stationary	7 25	4 35	9 20
Tuesday	25 Christmas	Isaiah 9: 2-7	3 40	 18	♂. ♂ rises 8 58	7 25	4 35	9 59
Wednesday	26 Stephen	Isaiah 41	4 46	 3	♂ rises 7 21	1 7 25	4 35	10 44
Thursday	27 St. John Evang.	" 49	5 34	 18	♂ south 10 16	1 7 25	4 35	11 34
Friday	28 Innocents	Rom. 8	6 10	 3	Sirius south 12 8	2 7 25	4 35	12 27
Saturday	29 David	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	♂ sets	 18	♂ 29th. Fomal sets 8 13	2 7 24	4 36	1 23
52] Sunday after Christmas. Matt. 1: 18-25; Gal. 4: 1-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.								
Sunday	30 Christ'n of Wurtemberg	Rom. 5; Col. 1	6 12	 3	♂ 7* south 9 2	3 7 24	4 36	1 58
Monday	31 John Wielif	Psalm 90; 103	7 20	 17	♂ ♀. ♀. ♀ sets 6 40	3 7 24	4 36	2 39

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 7th, 6 o'clock, 45 min., morning.
 Full Moon, 13th, 10 " 27 " evening.
 Last Quarter, 21st, 3 " 7 " morning.
 First Quarter, 29th, 7 " 58 " morning

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, cold; 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, 8, cloudy; 9, snow; 10, 11, N. W., 12, 13, 14, 15, moderate; 16, 17, rain; 18, 19, rain and snow; 20, 21, cold; 22, 23, mild; 24, 25, cloudy; 26, 27, snow; 28, 29, 30, cold; 31, variable.

DECEMBER.

HOLY CHRISTMAS.

CHRISTMAS always comes on the 25th of December. This is the day which celebrates the birth of Christ. Blessed things does it bring before us to think of:—The Angels that heralded His birth, the "babe divine" born in a stable and cradled in the manger. It is a Christian Festal Day. The churches should be appropriately decorated, as well as the houses, with evergreens. Services should be held, with Christmas hymns, prayers, and preaching, in the churches. Thus it will be kept sacredly, which is right. And it is the Children's holiday. Good children will receive nice presents from their kind parents. They will be found on Christmas morning around the Christmas-tree. This is a beautiful custom! Do not forget, kind fathers and mothers to prepare this great joy for your children! Children, in receiving your gifts, do not forget Him who is the great Gift!

A "Merry Christmas" to all!



CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

At last Thou art come, little Saviour
And Thine angels fill midnight with song;

Thou art come to us, gentle Creator,
Whom Thy creatures here sighed for so long.

Thou art come to Thy beautiful Mother;
She has looked on Thy beautiful face;
Thou art come to us, Maker of Mary,
And she was Thy channel of grace.

Thou hast brought with Thee plentiful pardon,
And our souls overflow with delight;
Our hearts are half broken, dear Jesus,
With the joy of this wonderful night.

Thou art come, Thou art come, child of Mary,
Yet we hardly believe Thou art come;
It seems such a wonder to have Thee;
New Brother, with us in our home.

Thou wilt stay with us, Master and Maker,
Thou wilt stay with us now ever more;

We will play with Thee, beautiful Brother,
On eternity's Jubilant shore.

FABER.

THE LORD'S TREASURY.

AND Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And He called unto Him His disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury: for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living. Mark xii. 41-44.

If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. 2 Cor. viii. 12.

THE CHURCH HAS NEED OF MONEY for the following objects:—

1. In aid of the SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND WIDOWS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.
2. In aid of FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN JAPAN AND INDIA.
3. In aid of HOME MISSIONS, GENERAL, TRI-SYNODIC BOARD AND BOARDS OF THE OTHER SYNODS.
4. In aid of the ORPHAN HOMES, at Womelsdorf and Butler, Pa.
5. In aid of THE REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD, Philadelphia, Pa., for the publication of Books and Tracts.

Collections for all the above worthy objects should be stately and regularly lifted, and those possessed with the ability, to a greater or less degree, should give of what they have to spare to the same. The good that thereby may be done, can by no means, be estimated.

MINISTERS' SALARIES.

They should be adequate. The laborer is worthy of his hire. A minister cannot labor efficiently if he is over-burdened with care in regard to his pecuniary wants. They should be paid promptly and regularly. A debt to the minister accumulating from year to year will prove a serious injury to the congregation, and may be the means of bringing upon it serious calamity. As an individual shrinks from incurring debt, so a congregation should sacredly avoid it in relation to their pastor. A pastor does not do a favor, but rather an injury to his congregation, by allowing his salary to remain in part unpaid from year to year. The Classes also should look after this matter carefully in the yearly parochial reports of their pastors. Even if the minister is satisfied when his salary is not fully paid, the Classes should not acquiesce and silently pass it over.

THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR.

Yes, we have reached the close of another year. How have we spent its days and hours, and made use of its privileges and opportunities? When there shall be no more years, then will the answer be given.

THE PROGRESS OF THE PEACE MEASURE.

WHAT is known as the *Peace Measure*, was inaugurated at the meeting of the General Synod, held in the 1st Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., in May, 1878. This measure provided for the appointment of a Peace Commission, consisting of twenty-four members, appointed according to a certain ratio by the different district Synods. This Commission held a meeting in Harrisburg in November, 1879, and after a number of sessions finally adopted a *Peace Basis*, unanimously, which was then submitted to the General Synod which convened in Tiffin, Ohio, in May, 1881. This Synod unanimously adopted the Peace Basis. The portion of the Basis that related to Doctrine was finally disposed of by the adoption of certain articles. The part relating to Cultus was referred back to the original Peace Commission, with instruction to prepare a liturgy for the whole Church. The Peace Commission thus became a Liturgical Commission, and at once proceeded to appoint a sub-committee, consisting of nine members, to whom was committed the work of preparing a liturgy. This committee consists of Drs. Weiser, who was elected president, F. W. Kremer, S. N. Callender, J. H. Good, T. G. Apple, J. Külling, J. M. Titzel, P. Greding and Hon. L. H. Steiner, M. D.

The sub-committee held their first meeting in the Reformed Church, Frederick, Md., in November, 1881, a second meeting in Tabor Chapel, of the 1st Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa., in April, 1882, and a third meeting in the Reformed Church, Altoona, in August, 1882.

Although the proceedings of the committee are not made public, yet it has been allowed to be announced that they have completed their work, and unanimously adopted a liturgy, which in due time will be submitted, first to the General Commission, and through it to the General Synod, to convene in Baltimore in May, 1884. Thus it would seem that the portion of the Peace Measure, relating to Cultus is in a fair way of being finally settled.

The portion pertaining to Church Government, is in the form of a revised Constitution, which was submitted to the General Synod at Tiffin, and which has been referred by the General Synod, for examination, to the several Classes. As we understand it, the General Synod at Tiffin finally disposed of the Peace Measure in unanimously adopting it. Its success does not depend upon the successful carrying out of the work on Cultus and Church Government. Whatever becomes of these, the Peace Measure stands, with the unanimous endorsement of the highest judicatory in the Church. Yet it is a matter of interest to know, as above stated, that there is a fair prospect of a successful settlement in regard to a new Liturgy and a revised Constitution for the Church. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

THE LORD has done much for you, what have you done for Him and His?

FORM FOR BEQUESTS.

IN making a bequest to one or more benevolent objects, it is important that a proper form be used; otherwise the intent of the testator may be defeated. Hence we suggest the following:

"I give and bequeath to the 'Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of—dollars; to 'Franklin and Marshall College,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of—dollars; to the 'Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,' of which Elder W. H. Seibert, of Harrisburg, Pa., is at present Treasurer, the sum of—dollars; to the 'Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of—dollars; to the Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States,' of which Rev. Charles G. Fisher is at present Treasurer, the sum of—dollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac,' of which Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick is at present Treasurer, the sum of—dollars; to the 'Board of Beneficiary Education of the Pittsburgh Synod,' of which Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher is at present Treasurer, the sum of—dollars; to the 'Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located in Philadelphia, Pa., the sum of—dollars; to the 'Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of—dollars; to 'Bethany Orphans' Home,' located at Womelsdorf, Pa., the sum of—dollars and to 'St. Paul's Orphans' Home,' located at Butler, Pa., the sum of—dollars;—the several sums thus bequeathed to be used by the respective associations for the general purposes of their organization.

RECOGNITION OF FRIENDS.

This story is told of a clergyman: After preaching a well prepared sermon on the "Recognition of Friends in Heaven," he was accosted by a hearer, who said: "I liked that sermon; and I now wish you would preach another on the recognition of people in this world. I have been attending your church three years, and not five persons in the congregation have so much as bowed to me in all that time."

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PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN THE CHURCH FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1881, TO AUGUST 31st, 1882.

1881.

- September 7.—Dedication of the Reformed Church, Rev. D. P. Lefevre, Pastor, Imogene, Iowa.
- September 8.—Mercersburg College reopened with Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, D. D., as Principal.
- September 11.—Corner Stone of Reformed Church, Rev. S. T. Wagner, Pastor, laid at Hyndman, Bedford Co., Pa. . . . Death of Prof. O. A. S. Hursh, Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O.
- September 18.—Dedication of Salem Reformed Church, Rev. G. A. Whitmore, Pastor, St. John's Charge, Armstrong Co., Pa.
- October 5.—Annual Meeting of Synod of Pittsburg, Greensburg, Pa. . . . Annual Meeting of Synod of Ohio, Miamisburg, O. . . . Annual Meeting of Synod of Northwest, Chicago, Ills.
- October 9.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. H. Beck, Pastor, New Berlin, O.
- October 13.—Laying of Corner-stone of Grace Mission Chapel, Rev. C. F. Sontag, Pastor, Washington, D. C.
- October 19.—Annual Meeting of Synod of United States, Danville, Pa. . . . Annual Meeting of Synod of Potomac, Waynesboro, Pa.
- October 20.—Laying Corner-stone of Reformed Church, Rev. J. M. Souder, Pastor, Newcastle, Pa.
- November 3.—Organization of new Synod (German) named Central Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Galion, O.
- November 5.—Rededication of Reformed Church, Rev. J. C. Bowman, Pastor, Shepherdstown, W. Va. . . .
- November 11.—Burning of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa. . . . Rededication of Reformed Church, Rev. P. Y. Schelly, Pastor, Hamburg, Pa.
- November 27.—Dedication of Second Reformed Church, Rev. J. W. Love, Pastor, Greensburg, Pa.
- November 20.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. D. R. Taylor, Pastor, Miami City, O.
- November 28.—Death of Lic. W. H. S. Lecron, Waynesboro', Pa.
- December 10.—Laying Corner-stone Reformed Church, Rev. B. R. Carnahan, Pastor, Timberville, Va.
- December 11.—Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., Reading, Pa., resigns as Editor of "The Guardian." . . . Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D., elected as Editor of the same.
- December 18.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. J. M. Andrews, Pastor, Kilgore, O.
- December 21.—Illustrated Christmas Number of "The Messenger," issued.
- December 23.—Inauguration of Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., as President of Palatinate College, Myers-town, Pa.
- December 25.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. C. M. Schaaf, Pastor, Paradise, O.
- December 28.—"The Messenger" closes its Fiftieth Volume.

1882.

- January 1.—Dedication of Zion's Reformed Church, Glade Charge, Rev. S. M. Hench, Pastor, Frederick Co., Md.
- January 14.—Death of Rev. William Gilpin, Broken Sword, O.
- February 12.—Dedication of Chapel, Salem Reformed Church, Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, Pastor, Harrisburg, Pa.
- February 20.—Celebration of 79th birthday of Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D., and the 80th of Rev. J. G. Fritchey, of Lancaster, Pa., by the members of Lancaster Classis, and their many friends in that vicinity.
- February 26.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. I. N. Peightel, Pastor, Pattonville, Bedford Co., Pa.
- March 12.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. S. B. Schafer, Pastor, Milton, Pa.
- March 20.—Offer of a Premium of Twenty Dollars for best Tract of 1,500 words on "The Reformed Church in the United States," by Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, Supt. of Reformed Church Pub. Bd., 907 Arch St., Phila., Pa.
- April 2.—Death of Rev. J. M. Lefevre, St. Paris, O.
- April 9, *Easter*.—Laying of the Corner-stone of Grace Mission Chapel, Rev. J. S. Vandersloot, Pastor, 10th and Dauphin Sts., Phila., Pa. . . . Dedication of Orphan's Home, "Tabitha Cumi," at Detroit, Mich. Opened with *three* orphans, Rev. L. Ziegler, Hausvater.
- April 30.—Death of Rev. W. F. Colliflower, Frederick, Md. . . . Dedication of Grace Mission Chapel, Rev. C. F. Sontag, Pastor, Washington, D. C.
- May 2.—Death of Rev. Henry K. Zink, Philippsburg, O.
- May 11.—Commencement of Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.
- May 18.—Laying Corner-stone of St. John's Reformed Church, Rev. Geo. B. Dechant, Pastor, Catawissa, Pa.
- May 21.—Dedication of Trinity Reformed Chapel, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Pastor, Frederick, Md.
- May 24.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. S. T. Wagner, Pastor, Hyndman, Bedford Co., Pa.
- May 25.—Laying of the Corner-stone of the new Bethany Orphans' Home, Rev. D. B. Albright, Supt., Womelsdorf, Pa.
- May 31.—Death of Rev. Daniel Gring, York, Pa.
- June 5.—Death of Rev. A. B. Caspar, New Berlin, Pa.
- June 11.—First Service held by our Missionary in Japan, Rev. A. D. Gring, and the first sermon preached by him in the Japanese language. He had twelve hearers.
- June 12.—Laying of the Corner-stone of new First Reformed Church, Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Pastor, Greensburg, Pa.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS—Continued.

1882.
 June 13.—Commencement of Palatinate College, Myers-town, Pa.
 June 14.—Resignation of T. F. Stauffer, Superintendent St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa. . . . Election of Rev. P. C. Prugh, Germantown, O., Superintendent of the same. . . . Commencement of Mercersburg College, Mercersburg, Pa.
 June 19.—Commencement of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.
 June 21.—Commencement of Female Seminary, Greensburg, Pa.
 June 26.—Commencement of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O.
 June 29.—Commencement of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.
 June 30.—Commencement of Female Seminary, Allentown, Pa.
 July 2.—Laying Corner-stone of the new Church, Rev. D. F. Brendle, Pastor, New Williams Township, Northampton Co., Pa.
 July 16.—Dedication of Reformed Church, Rev. J. Hanabery, Pastor, Ridgely, Md. . . . Dedication of St. Peter's Reformed Church, Rev. J. G. Steinert, Pastor, Centre Point, Ind.
 July 20.—Committee appointed to decide who is entitled to Premium of Twenty Dollars, for best Tract on "The Reformed Church in United States." Report in favor of the manuscript signed by "Melancthon."
 July 30.—Last service held in the First Reformed Church, Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., Pastor, 4th and Race Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.
 August 6.—Laying Corner-stone of new Church, Rev. R. Duenger, Pastor, at Ashland, Pa.
 August 12.—Laying Corner-stone of new Church, Rev. C. H. Reiter, Pastor, near Shirleysburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
 August 24.—Meeting of Reformed Churches of Mercer and Crawford Counties, Pa., at Conneaut Lake, Crawford Co., Pa.
 August 31.—Picnic of the Sunday-schools of the Reformed Churches of the Cumberland Valley, Pa., at Mount Alto Park.

YOUNG MEN FOR MISSIONARIES.

Now that the missionary field of the Reformed Church is extending so rapidly, the attention of young men preparing for the ministry should be directed in an especial way to devoting themselves to the missionary work. The new territory opening up has in it a great future for the Church. As it was in the labors of our early ministers in the East, so it will be with the pioneer laborers in the West. They lay the foundations for the future. With the rapid growth of the country the Church will share in the increase. Let our young men prepare themselves specially for this important work.

A CONSTITUTION
FOR AUXILIARY MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

NAME.

ART. 1. This Society shall be known as the Missionary Society of the Reformed Church and Sunday-school at _____ auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

OBJECT.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to awaken interest in the cause of Missions; to diffuse missionary intelligence, and to secure regular weekly contributions, for the support of missions in the Reformed Church.

OFFICERS.

ART. 3. The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected for the period of one year, and may be re-elected at the option of the Society.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings, and attend to such duties as do not interfere with the relations of the pastor as President *ex-officio* and as hereafter defined.

ART. 5. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the transactions of the Society, and a roll of the membership.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all monies received and disbursed, to pay out all monies as directed by the Society and to make a report to the Society at the end of the year.

MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 7. The members of the Society shall consist of Sunday-school scholars and teachers, members of the Church and friends, who shall contribute at least one cent per week; and each member shall be furnished with a certificate of membership, provided by the Board of Missions, with the name of its officers attached and the seal of the Board.

MEETINGS.

ART. 8. There shall be monthly meetings of this Society either after divine services on Sunday, or at such other times as may be fixed on by resolution of the Society. These meetings, in connection with the transaction of business claiming attention, may be social or devotional as may seem best calculated to promote the object of the Society. At the end of the year a missionary festival shall be held, at which, among other things, the Treasurer's report shall be made, an annual report of the progress and success of the Society shall be read by the President, missionary addresses delivered, and such other exercises observed, as will tend to promote the cause of missions in the congregations.

FUNDS.

ART. 9. The funds of this Society shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, established by the three Synods of the Reformed Church, the Synod of the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

ART. 10. A Standing Committee, of which the officers of the Society shall be members, shall consist of ten persons, who shall be elected annually by the Society. It shall be the duty of this Committee, to interest the Society in the work of missions, to secure the names of new members, and to carry out any instructions which may be given by the Society.

THE DUTIES OF THE PASTOR.

ART. 11. The pastor shall be President *ex-officio*, preside at the meetings of the Society, whenever he shall deem it necessary; conduct all religious services, and in his absence appoint some one for that purpose, assist the members by his counsel, and endeavor to secure the co-operation of the members of the congregation.

BY-LAWS.

ART. 12. By-Laws can be adopted by this Society to meet any wants which have not herein been provided for.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

What has been done for this Cause by the Church since 1863, up to the present date.

Through the kindness of the Rud. F. Kelker, Esq., Treasurer of Board of Foreign Missions, we are enabled to present an exhibit of what has been contributed by the Church, during each year, since the year 1863. It will certainly prove to be of interest to all concerned in this worthy cause.

From Oct. 27, 1863, to	Oct. 18, 1864.....	\$2,539.69
" " 18, 1864, "	" 13, 1865.....	3,349.07
" " 13, 1865, "	Nov. 24, 1866.....	789.28
" Nov. 24, 1866, "	Oct. 10, 1867.....	476.83
" Oct. 10, 1867, "	" 16, 1868.....	348.55
" " 16, 1868, "	" 2, 1869.....	105.41
" " 2, 1869, "	Nov. 19, 1870.....	77.22
" Nov. 19, 1870, "	" 6, 1871.....	132.57
" " 6, 1871, "	" 16, 1872.....	282.07
" " 16, 1872, "	" 1, 1873.....	330.96
" " 1, 1873, "	" 1, 1874.....	302.64
" " 1, 1874, "	" 1, 1875.....	55.27
" " 1, 1875, "	" 1, 1876.....	167.89
" " 1, 1876, "	" 1, 1877.....	170.67
" " 1, 1877, "	July 10, 1878.....	52.49
" July 10, 1878, "	" 1, 1879.....	918.10
" " 1, 1879, "	" 1, 1880.....	2,384.05
" " 1, 1880, "	" 1, 1881.....	6,315.33
" " 1, 1881, "	" 1, 1882.....	3,561.32

To be added to the above sums, there have been received three legacies, viz.:

In 1869.....	\$ 133.30
" 1871.....	1,000.00
" 1880.....	1,650.74—\$2,784.04

In these amounts there is not included the interest received upon amounts in the hands of the Treasurer. For several years the interest on the funds, remaining in the Treasurer's hand, at the time the General Synod ceased to co-operate with the American Board, was forwarded to the German Evangelical Foreign Missionary Society in New York. The last remittance to the American Board was made October 10th, 1865.

It may be well to state here, that the comparatively large amount of \$6,315.33, raised in the fiscal year of 1881, is to be accounted for by the fact that some ten thousand copies of Mission House certificates were sold, which materially assisted in paying for the Mission House in Tokio, Japan—the home of Rev. A. D. Gring—the Missionary.

The unexpected demand for means to rebuild the Orphans Home, lately destroyed by fire, at Womelsdorf, has diverted a considerable amount from the cause of Foreign Missions, but this is only temporary. The Church having taken up the latter work in good earnest, will furnish whatever may be required. Our people need only to be enlightened on this subject by their Pastors. Missionary Societies should be organized in the congregations and Sunday Schools; monthly concerts of prayer, established by the Pastors; Missionary intelligence given to the people, the wants of the heathen statedly made known, and the Reformed Church could and would readily give ten times more than she does.

HOME MISSIONS.

The three English Synods in the East, namely, the Synod of the U. S., the Pittsburg and the Potomac, carry forward their Home Missions through what is called a tri-synodic Board. Its Officers are Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., York, Pa., *President*. Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, Harrisburg, Pa., *Secretary*. W. H. Seibert, Harrisburg, Pa., *Treasurer*; and Rev. Theo. Appel, D. D., Lancaster, Pa., *Superintendent*.

Missions, in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D. C., Delaware, North Carolina, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, California, Oregon, and Washington Territory are under its care.

Over \$14,000 were raised in support of the Missions during the year 1882, over \$16,000 will be needed for this year.

This is the great work of the Church. Will there be any doubt as to this amount and more, being gathered in for the prosecution of it? He who loves his Church will not withhold his giving to its extension.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Do you get those of the Church's Publication Board for your Sunday-school? How is it—Pastor or Superintendent? Some pastors do not take much, if any, interest in the Sunday-school; leave all things pertaining to it to the Superintendent and teachers. Is this right? Is the shepherd of the flock doing his duty by the lambs? The Church, through its Board of Publication, issues just what is needed for Reformed Sunday-schools, and no superintendent or pastor is justifiable in putting any other—though they may be cheaper—into the hands of the scholars. Those not their own are the *dearest* in the end. See to this! Send for the "Guardian," "Scholar's Quarterly," "Child's Treasury," "Sunshine," and "Lesson Papers—Advanced and Primary." They are what you need. It is a shame if you send elsewhere.

"THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES."

A Premium Tract on this subject has been issued by the Reformed Church Publication Board, 907 Arch St., Philadelphia. It is printed on good paper, in clear type, and is eight pages in length. It gives a clear and concise account of the origin, condition and genius of the Reformed Church. It is just the thing to put in the hands of every member of the Church. Help to give it a wide circulation! Send for a goodly number of them. They can be had at the exceedingly low rates:

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During the ten years from 1871-81, 484 students were connected with the institution. Of this number nearly 50 were in the Theological Department, and are now engaged in the work of the ministry.

FAMILY WORSHIP.

ALL the duties of religion are very solemn and venerable in the eyes of children. But none will so strongly prove the sincerity of the parents, none so powerfully awaken the reverence of the child, none so happily recommend the instruction he receives, as family devotions—particularly those in which petitions for the children occupy a distinguished place. A profitable way to begin and end each day! A happy household that has such an altar within it!

MINISTERS' SONS.

ABOUT fifty children of the four hundred missionaries that have been appointed by the American Board of Foreign Missions, are now laboring in the foreign field. The three classes in Princeton Seminary last year numbered 119. Of the 117, 31 were sons of ministers, 23 were sons of elders. Six were sons of deacons.

SENSE WANTED.

PASTORS ought to be endowed with an extra sense wherewith to be able to perceive cases of sickness in their congregations. As it is now they have to find out the best way they can, by chance, from vague rumors. For they must know; and they must visit the sick at once. If they don't, it is an unpardonable sin. Yet how can they? Surely they do need an extra sense. Or perhaps it would answer if the members would only use the common sense they have, and at once send word to the pastor when they wish his attendance at the sick bed! One of the two is needed badly.

ALMS.



I AM an humble pensioner
Myself for daily bread;
Shall I forget my brother
Who seems in greater need?

I know not how it happened
That I had more than they,
Unless God meant that I should give
A part of it away.

The poorest highway beggar
And I have needs the same,
Close, side by side, we waited
While God called out the name.

So, brother, it but happened
The name he called was mine,
The food was given for us both,
Here, half of it is thine.

BOOKS.

A good brother, once speaking upon buying books, said: "I must stint my table or my back, to supply my library." But what does "stint" the table mean, among pastors? It means taking part of the necessities of life from wife and children!

Said a deacon: "I guess we'll have to make a change in our pastor soon?" "Why so?" I inquired. "Oh, because our pastor is behind the times. You see, it won't do! Indeed," he continued, "several new books are out, and he is absolutely ignorant of them." The preacher has a large family, a horse to feed, and the wear and tear of a carriage to keep up. But he must go, because behind the times. And yet his salary did not support him. Well, where were books to come from?

Let good, generous, large-hearted, benevolent men look up, among toiling, hardworking pastors, poverty-stricken, and unable to buy, cut off from facilities and helps, men of the hill country, and give them a little book-sunshine to help along in their need. Give your pastors books, magazines, papers, and reviews, and you will thank God in the future.

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						Infants.	Adults.											Renewal Purposes.	Congrega- l Purposes.
Synod of U. S.....	9	212	438	69,183	39,918	5,372	285	3,588	1,128	53,902	527	45	345	2464	514	40,852	39	\$35,859	\$238,686
Synod of Ohio.....	11	152	302	21,673	10,323	1,099	340	1,162	724	18,003	306	38	374	414	235	17,725	19	18,816	114,050
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Synod of Potomac.....	9	131	271	27,837	18,259	1,808	172	1,228	574	23,132	352	122	769	235	17,641	23	15,238	105,262
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Total:—Synods 6.....	50	751	1426	163,669	99,732	12,711	892	8,459	4,055	130,542	1755	103	1549	4980	1334	103,690	127	\$92,936	\$666,442

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Certificate, in 3 years,	4,406	6,205	8,779	9,889	10,912	11,184	12,263
Communed,	87,871	91,547	96,728	109,507	116,000	120,681	132,709
Dismissed, given year,	552	1,244	1,637	1,454	1,725	1,566	2,249
Dismissed, in 3 years,	1,674	2,975	4,459	4,762	5,000	5,185	5,791
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Excommunicated or Erased, in 3 years,	428	500	528	722	920	1,711	4,436
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Sunday-Schools,	894	939	1,020	1,021	1,220	1,237	1,346
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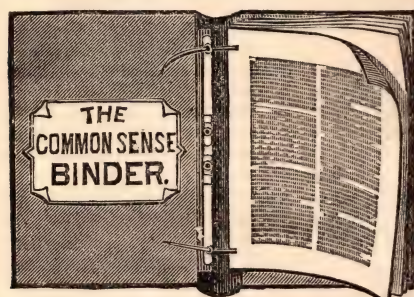
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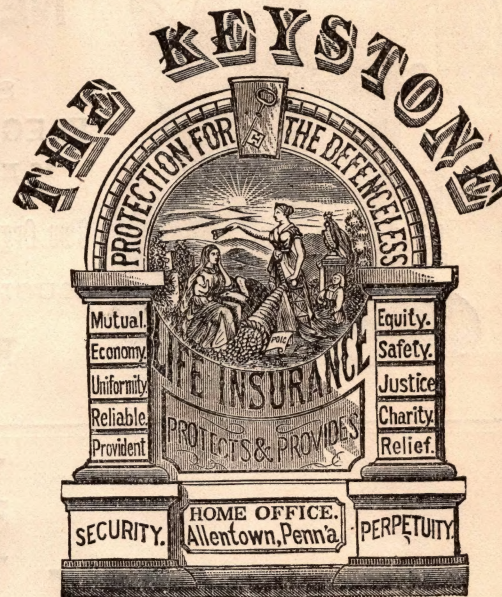
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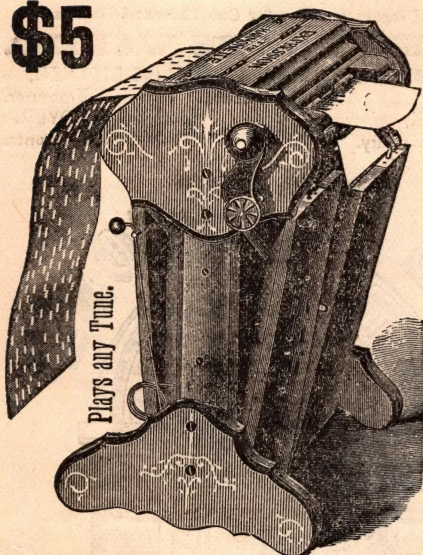
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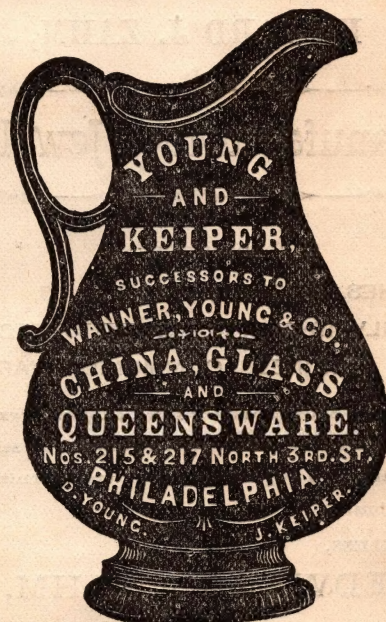
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